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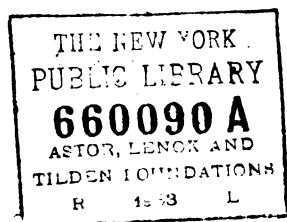
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The particular Synod of New Brunswick, met in stated session, in the First Reformed Church of Raritan, at Somerville, N. J., on Tuesday, May 6th, 1890, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 9.30 o'clock, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. J. P. Searle, who also preached the Synodical Sermon on Tuesday evening, from the Scripture found in Ephesians 1 : 22, 23 ; " The church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, David M. Talmage, William D. Buckalew, Thomas Morton, William Manchee. Elders, Henry Bell, Henry Van Buskirk, Thomas M. Ward.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Wm. W. Knox, Jas. F. Riggs, P. D. VanCleaf. Elders, C. C. Van Reypen, C. C. Westervelt, Michael Schultz.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, I. P. Brokaw, Andrew Hageman. Elder, W. W. Taylor.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, John N. Jansen, Chas. H. Jones, Henry Vehslage. Elders, John Duncan, C. T. Williamson.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Jas. T. Schock, R. V. Palmer. Elders, J. R. Hardenbergh, Peter Staats, Jas. Stoothoff, W. H. Ayres.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, J. Russell Verbrycke, N. H. Van Arsdale, Wm. H. Vroom. Elders, Jacob Snyder, T. V. B. Zabriskie.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, J. O. VanFleet, H. W. Teller.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, C. F. C. Suckow, P. H. Milliken, Taber Knox, Wm. H. Clark. Elders, Daniel Bohl, L. S. Blackwell.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, B. V. D. Wyckoff, J. L. McNair, Wm. E. Davis, P. M. Doolittle. Elders, Aaron Hoffman, J. N. Groendyke, Lawrence VanDerveer.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Wm. W. Knox was elected President.

Rev. Wm. E. Davis was elected Vice President.

Rev. Taber Knox and Rev. James T. Schock were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev's W. D. Buckalew, C. H. Jones. Elder, Thomas M. Ward.

On Classical Minutes.—Rev's W. H. Clark, P. H. Milliken. Elder, Henry Bell.

Sub-Committee.—Rev. J. L. McNair, Aaron Hoffman, Rev. D. M. Talmage, Henry Bell, Rev. J. F. Riggs, C. C. VanReypen, Rev. J. T. Schock, J. R. Hardenbergh, Rev. J. R. Verbrycke, Jacob Snyder, Rev. J. O. VanFleet, Henry VanBuskirk, Rev. N. H. VanArsdale, T. V. B. Zabriskie, Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, J. N. Groendyke, Rev. C. F. C. Suckow, L. S. Blackwell.

On Classical Reports.—Rev's J. Preston Searle, Andrew Hageman. Elder, W. W. Taylor.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev's P. M. Doolittle, W. H. Vroom. Elder, C. C. VanReypen.

On Nominations.—Rev's J. L. McNair, R. V. Palmer. Elder, J. R. Hardenbergh.

On Treasurer's Report.—Rev's J. O. VanFleet, B. V. D. Wyckoff. Elder, John Duncan.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received :

1. A communication was received from the Board of Foreign Mis-

sions suggesting to the Synod the expediency of consolidating the Missionary Conferences with the sessions of the Particular Synod. This was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

2. An appeal from the action of the Classis of Philadelphia in disbanding the 3d Reformed Church of Philadelphia, by certain members of said Classis.

3. A complaint against the Classis of Philadelphia by certain members of said Classis.

4. A complaint against the Classis of Philadelphia by George F. Gordon.

These were referred with accompanying documents to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York and Chicago, for 1889, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, and the report was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report that they have carefully examined the minutes of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, and find nothing that calls for the attention of this Synod.

The minutes of General Synod, pp. 797-830, urge that the catechisms of our own church be used in our Sabbath-schools.

On page 809, the Particular Synods are urged to set apart some specific time for discussing Foreign Missions.

On page 323, efforts to enlarge the circulation of the *Mission Field* are recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. BUCKALEW, Chairman.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

With the beginning of this session this Synod reached the close of its second decade. This fact would naturally summon your Committee to a review of the slow but sure and substantial growth of these years, had not the interesting task been anticipated in the admirable and exhaustive report made by its predecessor, one year ago.

Confining our attention then, to the year just passed, your Committee would respectfully report that the general survey of the Reports of the Classes is sufficient to inspire devout gratitude to the Head of the Church, and confident hopefulness for the future into which He is leading us.

In many of our churches the presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifested in large ingatherings, while only a very few are without the special tokens of His nearness and co-operation. All of the churches in the Classes of South Bergen, Philadelphia and Raritan report some accessions by confession of faith, while individual churches in the first two and in the Classis of New Brunswick have been largely revived. Only 10 churches fail to report gains of this kind, and of these five have been vacant the whole or a great part of the year.

The apparent gain in membership throughout the Synod, i. e. the excess of additions to the churches by confession and by certificate, over all losses by dismission, discipline and death, is 1,433, the largest year's advance in the last ten years, if not in our entire history, being 461 above the average for these years.

There has been an increase of enrollment in our Sabbath-schools amounting to 832.

Our gifts for congregational purposes have been augmented \$40,000. But as a shaded line upon a bright picture there has been a decrease in our benevolence of over \$7,500. Nor does the former fact explain the latter one; for \$35,000 of the increase in offerings for Congregational purposes is found in a Classis which advanced \$3,000 in its benevolence. The decline is almost entirely in the Classes of Newark and Monmouth.

Passing from this general view, there are two special phases of these reports which have impressed themselves upon your Committee.

The first is of less importance than the following one, but as it involves the question of churchly truthfulness we can not pass it altogether by.

Each Consistory is directed by General Synod to report the number of its "baptized non-communicants." The idea underlying this direction is that these baptized non-communicants are thereby "recognized" as members of the church, although this recognition is already fully made by the Constitution (vide Art. 11, § 3).

Experience has proven that in many of our churches an honest compliance with this direction is impossible, and that in most of them it is never attempted. Eighty-seven churches, or two-thirds of the number in this Synod, have this column in our statistical table unfilled. While thus only here and there a return is made, the Stated Clerks of our Classes and Synods carefully gather these scattered figures into totals, which they present as the totals for the whole body they are serving. As examples of the results we have the following startling facts established (because figures do not lie) by the classical reports of the current year. The Classis of Newark, with over 1,900 families, has 207 baptized non-communicants. The Classis of Monmouth has 30. The Classis of New Brunswick has none. The entire Synod, with 14,000 families, has 8,410, or a little more than one to every two families. Of these nearly one-fourth are in two churches in the Classis of Passaic.

Now, without discussing the value to the church or to the baptized non-communicant of this "recognition" in a statistical table, let us put this value, at its highest estimate, over against the sacrifice of Ecclesiastical veracity, partially indicated above, and ask whether we are not paying too high a price for the former. And if we may not abolish the gaping vacancy of this column from our official tables, let us at least forbid our Stated Clerks to close it up with an alleged "total," which is not a total, but simply a summary of a few conscientious and laborious efforts, and possibly a few careless guesses.

The other feature of the classical reports attracting our special attention is, that of the large apparent gain of 1,433 in our membership, already noted, only 558 remain as the actual gain, found by comparing the total of those in communion this year with the corresponding total in last year's minutes.

A slight investigation has revealed the fact that a similar state of things confronts this Synod every year. In the last ten years the apparent gain has been 9,723, while the real gain has been 4,033, or less than half the apparent gain.

The superficial explanation of this is, "The Revision of Church Rolls," but does not this itself need explanation? 875 of our communicants,

or nearly five whole churches of the average membership throughout the Synod, were lost in this way, *somewhere* during the last year, i. e., *more than half as many as were received upon confession of faith*. Over 4,600 have thus been lost during a single decade, or nearly one-half as many as its accessions by confession.

It is true that failure properly to record dismissals and deaths, as they take place, a frequent vice in clerical book-keeping, accounts in part for this, but after all for a very small part only.

The question still remains: Where and how are these members lost? It opens others, which every Pastor and Consistory ought carefully to consider. Are we shepherding our flocks faithfully? and are we gathering wisely into the fold? when practically one-half our accessions from the world disappear from church life by the mysterious gateway we call "Revision of the Rolls."

Your Committee is called on to record the deaths of two of our ministers, viz:

Rev. JACOB DIEPHUIS, of the Classis of Paramus, Dec. 31, 1889, and

Rev. ROBERT VAN AMBURGH, of the Classis of Raritan, March 8th. 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SEARLE,

JAMES F. RIGGS,

WM. W. TAYLOR.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to report the following:

The reports of the churches of the Bergen Classis are all encouraging. In nearly all of them there has been a decided growth in numerical strength and religious life. In some, especial ingatherings from the world have been large. The influences of the Holy Spirit on the means of grace have been manifest and yielded fruit to the glory of God. It is not the province of this committee to repeat here what has been told already by the different churches in their Consistorial reports.

Brethren: Whilst we rejoice in the outward prosperity, may we not forget to pray and labor for the inward power of the Holy Ghost upon the lives of our members, that pure and undefiled religion may characterize all the churches within the bounds of our Classis, and thus enforce the labors of God's servants as they invite others to come with us that we may do them good.

Our benevolence, whilst gratifying in the aggregate, comes still be-

low the estimated apportionments, giving us abundant cause to stir up our members to abound in this grace also.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. H. VANDERWART,

Rev. D. M. TALMAGE,

Elder, J. A. BOGERT.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of the Churches presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

Your committee respectfully reports a year of commendable activity on the part of the several churches. This appears not only in the number of members received, but in the amount of money raised for congregational and benevolent purposes as well. In surveying the field we find abundant reason to bless God for His manifest presence.

The Church of Bergen.—"The year has been spent in gleaning after the harvest." Recent converts are progressing in holiness. The services are well attended and the several organizations prosperous.

The First Church of Jersey City reports that its property has been transferred to the Collegiate Church, of New York City. It therefore adds a petition that it be now disbanded.

The First Church of Bayonne.—The spirit of unity prevails. New life has been put into old organizations, and new zeal developed in all parts of church work. The contributions for benevolent purposes were never so large.

Wayne St. Church, Jersey City, reports that large additions have been made to the membership of the church, despite removals and deaths. The whole congregation has been revived through recent services by the evangelists, Mills and Chapman.

The Church of Bergen Point reports that the church is still conspicuous for her liberality.

The Lafayette Church, Jersey City, reports "a larger number than ever before have united with us. Our contributions reached the highest point in our history." The locality is becoming a tenement house community, and accordingly struggles for the future are anticipated.

The Church of Greenville reports a year of marked prosperity. The chapel has been enlarged and renovated, and the handsome new church is nearly ready for dedication.

The Free Church, Jersey City, has experienced a gratifying growth in numbers. The work is very difficult and devoted helpers are needed.

The Third Church, Bayonne, reports, "we are building a new church and the outlook is hopeful."

The Second Church of Hudson City, reports that the church was en-

larged during the year, and increased audiences suggest again the need of larger quarters.

The South Bergen Church, Jersey City, reports a steady increase. "We have purchased a new plot of ground to be utilized when finances permit."

The First German Evangelical Church, of Jersey City, has "purchased an adjoining lot for twenty-eight hundred dollars," and gratefully reports herself free from debt.

The St. John's Ger. Ev. Church, Bergen, reports, "all is well. There are gratifying accessions."

ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES.—On May 15, 1889, the Rev. Wm. D. Grant was received from the Presbytery of New York, and on June 4, was installed pastor of the South Bergen Reformed Church.

[The petition of the First Ref. Church of Jersey City was granted, and Classis ordered that said church be disbanded and its name dropped from the roll after the present year. S. C.]

Respectfully submitted,

WM. P. BRUCE,

WM. W. KNOX,

JAS. A. WILLIAMSON.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports, that for want of returns from the churches of Long Branch, Highlands and Colts Neck, their own returns to this Classis must be incomplete. Judging, however, by reports from seven of the ten churches, the gain in membership for the year is less than it was last year. Two of those reporting have experienced a quickening, and the results are apparent. Highly encouraging circumstances attend the remaining five. A full reporting from all the churches would doubtless exhibit an increase in the contributions for church purposes, and if we except the large individual donation reported last year, probably the benevolent contributions will be found to be larger than they were then. Activity is the rule and not the exception in all our churches. This is noticeable especially among the young people, giving assurance that the coming generation will be far in advance of this for intelligent, persistent, wise and well directed christian organization and effort. To this the church at large seems to be applying, largely, her energies. Nor could she devote herself to any nobler or more important task than the training of her children for united and efficient religious effort.

We present a brief resume of the reports at hand.

First Freehold recognizes the Divine Spirit's influence in the prevalence of peace and good-will among the people, in a warm and gener-

ous interest, rising to enthusiasm, in the prosperity of the church, in various sustained and laudable efforts for the general good, in the addition of some to the membership of the church and the hopeful condition of others. With thanksgiving and hope they continue the work.

To *Holmdel* the past year has been one more of individual growth than of large accessions to the church. It has added to the convenience of its work and prepared to augment its efficiency by a commodious and beautiful addition to the Sunday-school room, for the accommodation of its Infant Department. Pervading earnestness and willingness to work lead pastor and people to take courage.

Death and removals have deminished the numbers, but not the courage of *Spotswood*. It has enjoyed the regular, earnest, faithful and prayerful preaching of the word, with good hope of success. Its beautiful church edifice and parsonage are entirely free of debt.

Middletown salutes us with a mysterious titular appendix. For some occult reason it assumes the designation, Middletown Church of Reform. But in what peculiar principles or practices its reform consists, or whether it has actually reformed itself, or is only contemplating a step so important, or if indeed it only advocates reform, without having taken the plunge, is beyond discovery from data at hand, inasmuch as it offers only a tabulated record for the year, *without note or comment*.

Second Freehold emphasizes an encouraging accession to the membership of the church; the completion of costly and tasteful repairs to its house of worship; larger Sabbath audiences; an active Christian Endeavor Society, and other helpful auxiliaries of the church.

We may rejoice with *Keyport* and extend to her our hearty fraternal congratulations. She is rousing herself afresh for the conflict. The Spirit of God has been among her people, stimulating His own and wresting precious souls from satan's grasp. She has more than trebled her benevolent contributions and increased the amount for congregational purposes. Her young people have caught the fever of activity and, ranged under the banner of Christian Endeavor, give good promise of doing their share for *Christ* and the *Church*.

The work at *Asbury Park* grows in interest and efficiency as it does in hopefulness. The membership has been materially enlarged. The Sabbath services and prayer meetings are well attended. The young people are awaking to their opportunities and responsibilities. A well organized Missionary Society is in good working order. The Ladies Aid Society has rendered substantial help to the finances of the church and the general outlook for this Bethel by the sea is in a high degree encouraging.

As a Classis we have reason for profound gratitude to the Great Head of the church for His kindness and love to all the churches within our bounds, for the successful continuance of the work he has

entrusted to us, for the faith and the courage He gives us to prosecute our allotted tasks.

Your Committee also reports that the churches of *Highlands, Colts Neck and Long Branch* are without pastors, Messrs. Boggis and Labaw having been dismissed early last fall, and Mr. Campbell within a few weeks.

We note also, the reception of Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D., into the Classis and his installation as pastor of the Reformed Church of Asbury Park.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HENRY BERTHOLF, Ch'm'n.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion, would respectfully report, that the statistics and statements from the several churches indicate, that the past year has not been one of great ingathering of souls, but of united and increased interest and effort to strengthen and consecrate the church. Hopefulness is characteristic of the reports.

There has been a thorough revision of the roll of members in several churches, decreasing the total in the Classis 306, hence, the total now in communion is less than last year.

All the totals in the statistics of Classis are smaller than last year, except infants baptised, Sabbath-schools, Sabbath-school enrollment, and contributions for congregational purposes.

We call attention to the individual reports.

Bellerive has been fairly prosperous. Increased interest in domestic and foreign missions has been manifested by increased contributions. A pastor's class met each week during the winter months and was instructed in "First Principles of Christian Truth."

First Newark.—The vacant pulpit, during a large part of the year, has interfered with the usual church work. A new pastor has just assumed the pastorate under flattering auspices.

Irvington.—There has been increase in church members, in Sabbath-school enrollment, and in the amount raised for congregational uses. A large portion of the latter item has been expended in an enlargement of the Sabbath-school room and in renovating the main audience room.

Second Newark has been without a pastor for the last three months, but still the church seems to be in a prosperous condition. The prayer meetings have been well attended, and the people seem to be in earnest.

Franklin.—There are hopeful indications of increased interest, as well as a largely increased attendance on ordinances. Special efforts have been made to pay off long standing debts.

North Newark reports growth, and that the Sabbath-school of 952 members is carried on with vigor and success; also two Mission Schools, one in Newark and one in Kearney, the latter begun last June. A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized, and has proved a helpful adjunct to the church.

West Newark. The spiritual life of the congregation is hopeful. The services of the church, Sabbath-school, and Parochial-school are well attended.

Clinton Avenue, Newark, has thoroughly revised its roll of families and communicants. Although without a pastor for several months, its services have been loyally maintained, and all its departments of work are in good condition.

Trinity, Newark, is moving steadily forward. The Spirit has manifested His converting power, and sixteen have been added to the church.

Linden is accomplishing a good work, though additions to the membership have been few. The most encouraging feature is the prospect of immediate growth in the place.

Christ, Woodside.—Growth has been gradual, but steady, and without special effort. Necessity has required an extension to the church, which has been built, and will be entirely paid for, it is hoped, before the year closes. Of late the prayer meetings have been better attended, and a better spirit manifested in them than formerly.

Stone House Plains reports losses and no gains. Yet, the church has hope and faith that God will bless His work there.

Orange, by the good blessing of the Lord has been kept in peace and unity, with progress and enthusiasm, especially among the young people. There is much reason for thankfulness.

Trinity, Plainfield, presents its tenth annual report, and acknowledges gratitude to God for the blessings of the past year, and the favor of the past decade. The church has grown from 55 members to 415. Benevolent offerings have increased from \$115, to \$1,253, and contributions for congregational purposes from less than \$2,000, to more than \$9,000. The meetings of the church and of the Christian Endeavor Society, show an increase in attendance and interest.

German, Plainfield.—The past year has not been one of great success or triumph, but of toil. Nine members have joined the church on confession of faith and more are expected soon.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.—The pastoral relation between Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D. and the Clinton Ave. Church, of Newark, was dissolved Oct. 8, 1889, and at a later date he was dismissed to the Classis of New York.

On the same date, Oct. 8, Rev. T. C. Easton, D.D., was released from the pastoral charge of the First Reformed Church, of Newark, and dismissed to the Presbytery of Newark.

Dec. 13, 1889, the pastoral relation between Rev. J. A. Davis and

the Second Reformed Church, of Newark was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Nassau.

Feb. 7, 1890, the pastoral tie between Rev. B. C. Miller and the Reformed Church, of Franklin was severed.

Rev. Carlos Martyn, D.D. and Rev. Daniel H. Martin, were received from the Classis of New York, March 14, 1890. The former was installed pastor of the First Reformed Church, of Newark, April 3d, 1890, and the latter will be installed pastor of the Clinton Avenue Church, of Newark, on May 2d.

Arrangements have also been made for the installation of Rev. Andrew J. Sullivan, as pastor of the Second Reformed Church, of Newark, on May 9th.

WM. J. LEGGETT,
CORNELIUS SCHENCK,
C. T. WILLIAMSON.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the State of Religion of this Classis, would respectfully report as follows:

The reports from the several churches are generally of an encouraging nature. The churches in New Brunswick report large accessions, owing to the special evangelistic efforts in January. We have 204 accessions on profession, against 126 of last year. The total membership of the churches is 168 more than last year, but the total benevolence, \$8,885, is about \$546 less, while the column of congregational moneys shows about \$110 decrease. While this is not satisfactory, though it may be owing to special efforts or objects in the preceding year, yet, we may rejoice in a large ingathering of souls.

First Church of New Brunswick.—This church reports the presence and power of the Holy Spirit throughout the year. The usual means of grace have been greatly blessed, but extra services were held in January, in union with most of the churches of the city, under the conduct of Rev. B. Fay Mills, the evangelist. It was a time of great searchings of heart and many were led to inquire, "What must I do to be saved?" Of the 108 who united with the church on confession, 55, more than half, came from the Sabbath-school. The Young People's Society, the Mission Band, and the Ladies' Missionary Society, abound in good works. Two worthy elders have died. Mr. Thomas P. Vernol, of the Theological Seminary, has been employed to assist the pastor in family visitations. The contributions are about the same as last year, but somewhat differently distributed.

Six Mile Run.—This church was for more than four months without a pastor, but the regular services were maintained and the offerings to the work of the Lord were not interrupted. The prayers of God's children have been heard, souls have been added to the church, and

the dying have been comforted by the promises of God's word. Our prayers are for a more abundant witness from the Spirit, to show us the things of Christ.

Hillsborough.—reports a year of true progress in christian endeavor and church enterprise. While the Lord has laid upon them His afflicting hand in numerous deaths, he has also given them joy in saving souls. The financial condition of the church is satisfactory. Not a few seem to be anxious concerning their higher welfare, and are considering the propriety of uniting with the church. They are looking forward for a blessing.

Middlebush.—While we have nothing special to report, yet the average of results is above our expectations and our fears. The inclemency of the winter, and the condition of the roads, made attendance on many Sabbaths small. But the people have shown themselves loyal to the cause of Christ. Although the congregation is small, yet, the sum total for all objects amounts to more than \$1,800.

Griggstown.—This church sorely feels the financial depression in the farming community, although the interior of the church has been re-decorated. While there has been no marked spiritual interest, there has been no decline in faithfulness in attendance upon the means of grace.

Second New Brunswick.—The year has been one of prosperity and harmony. Contributions for benevolent purposes show an increase over the preceding year, which, with the congregational expenses, amount to more than \$11,000. This church also felt the influence of the series of evangelistic meetings before alluded to. The losses by death have been unprecedentedly large. Hence, although more than fifty have been added to the church, the net gain is only twenty.

Bound Brook.—This church has had a prosperous year, both spiritually and temporally. Services of all kinds are better attended, and interest in religion is larger. They expect soon to build a parsonage.

Third New Brunswick.—This small German church reports only 24 members. It is supplied by Prof. Carl Meyer. The children largely pass into English-speaking churches.

East Millstone.—This church has nothing special to report. The inclemency of the weather also affected the attendance of this church materially. A Woman's Auxiliary to the Domestic Board has contributed \$50. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is doing a good work.

Metuchen reports a year of average prosperity. The revised list of families shows an apparent, but not a real loss. The benevolence of the church has been doubled. The prayer meetings have been well sustained, and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and the Sunday-school are growing. No special religious interest has been shown, but there has been a healthful growth and additions at each communion.

Suydam Street, New Brunswick.—This young church has during the past year paid off all its indebtedness, and is in a remarkably flourishing condition. Forty-five new members have been added during the year; 28 on confession, and 17 by certificate. Its membership is now 162, being a net gain of 30 on last year's report. It has a large and flourishing Sabbath-school, with a total enrollment of 189. Its benevolence and congregational expenses, including the clearing of its debt, foot up to \$3,745. Its benevolence has more than doubled.

ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES.—On May 24th, 1889, the following students, after the proper examination, were licensed to preach the Gospel: Charles L. Clist, B. W. Lammers, William J. Duiker. Charles L. Clist was dismissed to the Classis of Passaic, on June 19th, 1889.

On July 1st, 1889, the pastoral relation between the church of Six Mile Run and Rev. H. D. B. Mulford was dissolved.

On Oct. 15th, 1889, Rev. Alan D. Campbell was received by certificate, from the Classis of Rensselaer, and Rev. George M. S. Blauvelt, by certificate from the Classis of Raritan. On the same date a call was approved from the Suydam Street Church, of New Brunswick, upon Rev. Alan D. Campbell; from the church of Franklin Park, upon Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt, and from the church of Bound Brook, upon Rev. Jas. T. Schock; and Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Campbell was declared Emeritus, retaining the pastoral charge over the Suydam St. church, in conjunction with his son, Rev. Alan D. Campbell.

On Nov. 12th, 1889, Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt was installed over the church of Six Mile Run; on Nov. 6th, Rev. Alan D. Campbell over the Suydam St. Church, of New Brunswick; and on Nov. 20th, Rev. James T. Schock over the church of Bound Brook.

On Feb. 17th, 1890, Nathanael Nicolai was received as a licentiate from the German Evangelical Synod of North America, after a suitable examination, he having spent the preceding five months in our Seminary, and was dismissed on Feb. 18th, to the South Classis of Long Island.

April 15, 1890.

E. T. CORWIN, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

While we have great cause to express our gratitude to a loving Father, the results of the year's work are not as gratifying as we wish they had been. The question comes to each one of us, pastors, elders and churches, have we faithfully done our duty?

Acquackanock.—Morning congregations have been generally large and attentive, while evening audiences have not been so large as they should have been. Sunday-school in flourishing condition. Several departments of church work prosecuted with commendable energy and constancy. Benevolence of church maintained at about usual standard. But it must be confessed that when "the enemy has come

in like a flood those who profess to fear the name of the Lord have failed to lift up a standard against him."

Broadway, Paterson.—Expresses thankfulness for another year of prosperity. Increase in numbers and interest all along the line. Sunday-school enrolls twenty-four members more than at last report. Y. P. S. C. E. sustained with unabating interest. Ladies' Missionary Society has increased its contributions to the Boards. Circle of King's Daughters organized. Improvements made to church property and funded debt reduced. Unusually afflicted in loss of some of staunchest members; at the same time valuable additions to membership.

Centerville.—Regrets no additions to membership. Main encouragement that the ordinances have been uninterruptedly maintained, and that the interest in them seems to grow. Sunday-school well attended with marked regularity both on part of scholars, and of a very faithful corps of teachers. Weekly prayer meeting kept up, though few attend. "We cry 'Lord, how long! and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.'" Weekly contributions to support of church have been maintained with great spirit. No aid has at any time been received from the funds of the church.

Clarkstown.—Has great reason to thank God and take courage. Increased attendance at regular services. While four aged members have died active church workers have all been spared. Mr. S. M. Zwemer, of Senior Class in Seminary, served as stated supply from May 1st to January 1st, during which time fifteen made confession of their faith in Christ and united with the church. Y. P. S. C. E. organized. Benevolence of church materially increased. Spirit of unity still a prominent feature. Hope expressed that the vacancy of pulpit will not be of much longer duration.

First Holland, Paterson.—Great reason for thankfulness. Graciously spared severe sickness. No death among those in full communion. Attendance at all church services and Sunday-school good. Plain evidence that work of the Lord has not been in vain.

Holland, Passaic.—Statistical report only.

Holland, Wortendyke.—Mourns the loss of its beloved pastor, the Rev. Jacobus Diephuis, who on Dec. 31, '89, was called by the Master to receive his reward. Asks the brethren of Classis to pray that the Lord may send a new shepherd. Notwithstanding heavy bereavements great reason to be thankful. Sunday meetings well attended. Sunday-school prosperous. Last mortgage on church building cancelled. No debt now remains but the loan of the Church Building Fund. Parsonage repaired and painted.

Paramus.—Every department of church work carried on regularly. Sunday-school, Y. P. S. C. E., and the several prayer meetings attended with interest. Some fruits have been gathered and a hopeful spiritual interest exists.

Pascack.—Much to regret as to coldness, indifference and neglect of

some of the professed followers of Christ. Much also for which to be thankful. Year has been one of general prosperity. Attendance has been commendable. God has blessed the preaching of his word in leading some souls to confess their faith in Christ. Sunday-school flourishing. God has blessed the labors of faithful officers and teachers, and the indication is that greater blessings are at hand.

Piermont.—Church growing numerically and it is hoped also spiritually. Word faithfully preached every Sabbath. Growing attendance at Sunday services. Increase in monies raised for the respective Boards. Sunday-school in prosperous condition. Weekly services creditably sustained.

Ramapo.—Nothing unusual in way of church interest. Regular services maintained with scarcely any intermission. Health of pastor has been such as to forbid much pastoral labor which otherwise would have been done. This the more to be regretted because of the spiritual apathy which prevails. Additions to membership smaller than for years past. Seriousness manifested by several, which it is hoped will result in conversion. Sunday-school has prospered. Several influential families have removed, causing a loss which is regarded as a sad affliction. The prayers of the brethren requested that God may bring this church safely through this time of trial.

Ramseys.—Sends a most mournful report. Its members are scattered. Some have gone to other churches, some back to the world, and some have died, so that it seems that only one member—the one who sends the report—is left in the Sunday-school, and he feels as he thinks Elijah felt when he said, “and I, even I only am left.” This brother says that it is impossible for him to keep the organization alone, and asks for the disbanding of the church.

Saddle River.—Word faithfully preached and received into good and honest hearts. No unusual interest in spiritual things.

Spring Valley.—Removals have slightly reduced number of families. Of the nine members received on profession of their faith, seven are from the Sunday-school, which continues to do a good work and quietly. The Lord blesses his own appointed means of grace; to Him be all the praise.

Warwick.—Rejoices in the blessings of grace. A goodly number of conversions. A new house of worship erected at a cost of \$33,000, and will be dedicated without debt as soon as completed. Whole amount required for building raised by subscription. Contributions for benevolent purposes have not suffered on account of this special work. Renders unto God, who has given prosperity above that which was hoped, hearty and joyful praise and thanksgiving.

West New Hempstead.—Continuance of work of grace begun last year. Each communion season has witnessed the coming of those desirous of bearing witness of their faith in Christ, until fifteen have been added by confession during the year. Services well attended,

including the two weekly meetings for prayer. A new pastor has been installed, and it has been his privilege to welcome eight of the new members. Pastor and people are working harmoniously together, and are looking hopefully forward toward the land just at hand, but not possessed, and to the harvest not yet fully ripe.

First Holland, Lodi.—Gospel preached faithfully and regularly. Hope expressed that in his own good time the Lord will make the fruits to appear.

Second Lodi.—Year marked by regularity of attendance. No special work of grace. Need of the quickening influences of Holy Spirit greatly felt. Prayer has been, "O Lord, revive thy work." Attendance at Sunday-school increased. Sorrow of heart because of no conversions in school.

Ridgewood.—Growth not interrupted. Church edifice insufficient to meet demands for pews. Plans being perfected for enlargement of building. Encouraged by work of Sunday-school and of Y. P. S. C. E. Weekly prayer meetings well attended, though no especial awakening has taken place. Increase in benevolent contributions.

Second Totowa.—Year filled with blessings of peace and prosperity. Marked by prevailing harmony, increased attendance upon means of grace and sufficient accessions to the communion of the church to attest God's presence with power.

Tappan.—Statistical report only.

North Passaic.—Healthy progress and a marked enthusiasm among its members. Severe loss sustained by the death of two of the most zealous and consecrated supporters of the church. Grateful witness borne to the fidelity that has marked the lives of Mrs. Edo Kipp, the beloved wife of an honored elder, and of Mrs. Anna Richmond, the leader of the Primary Class in the Sunday-school.

Nyack.—Continued peace and prosperity. While losses appear greater than gains, many of those receiving letters have been absent for more than a year, and most of the deaths have been among the aged. Additions by confession, chiefly from among the young. Gratefully acknowledge good work of Y. P. S. C. E. in this direction. Good reason for hoping for more abundant blessings in the near future.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.—The Rev. T. W. Welles was received from the Classis of Philadelphia, and installed pastor of the Second church of Totowa on May 6, 1889.

The Rev. Thomas S. Dusinger was received from the Classis of Hudson, and installed pastor of the church of West New Hempstead on July 2, 1889.

The Rev. C. W. Jacobs was received from the Church of the Netherlands, and installed pastor of the Holland Church of Passaic, on Oct. 16, 1889.

The Rev. E. E. Thomas, a Baptist minister in good standing, was

received upon examination Oct. 8, 1889, and was dismissed Nov. 18, 1889, to the Classis of Westchester.

The pastoral relation between the church of Tappan and the Rev. W. H. Williamson was dissolved Nov. 18, 1889, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois.

The Rev. Jacobus Diephuis died Dec. 31, 1889.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER CRISPELL, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your committee on the State of religion respectfully reports to Classis as follows :

Boardville sends no report.

Boonton, reports an increase of the missionary spirit having raised a considerable sum during six months of the year in mite boxes. A Junior Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized and is doing a good work.

Fairfield.—This church has built a commodious new parsonage, and the weekly meetings are full of spirit and interest.

Franklin Furnace has sustained serious loss by death during the year, but in all departments of christian work they have gone steadily forward.

Little Falls.—This church reports nine accessions to their number during the year. An old debt has been paid and they are now preparing to improve the church building. The Sabbath and week day meetings have been largely attended.

Montville.—Sends only statistical report.

Sixth Paterson, (Holland).—Sends only statistical report.

Pompton Plains.—Sends only statistical report.

Pompton.—This church has gone steadily forward during the past year. We have had additions at every communion. The Ladies Missionary Society has raised more money than ever before. We have two circles of the King's Daughters; a lyceum for literary improvement, and are now organizing a young peoples prayer meeting.

Ponds sends no report as to their spiritual condition. This church having been without a regular pastor for some time is now striving to secure one.

Preakness.—This church is now in good running order under the leadership of its new pastor. Good congregations and a good work of the Y. P. S. C. E. are reported.

Riverside, Paterson.—This church has made a much needed improvement in their church building during the year expending about \$2,000. This church reports progress in every department of work.

First Totowa reports a year of unusual financial prosperity without the aid of fairs or festivals. The Christian Endeavor Society is do-

ing a good work. The services on the Lord's day are well attended and the spiritual interests of the church are in a healthy condition.

Union Reformed (Holland), has enjoyed great prosperity under its present pastor for the past ten years, the past year being the best of them all.

Wyckoff sends only statistics.

To summarize:

Families reported last year, 1,720; this year, 1,631; loss of 89.

Received on Confession last year, 155; this year, 201; gain of 46.

Received by Certificate last year, 98; this year, 120; gain of 22.

Number of Communicants last year, 2,497; this year, 2,454; loss 43.

Number Sunday Schools last year, 21; this year, 20; loss 1.

Number Sunday-school Scholars last year, 3,035; this year, 2,878; loss, 157.

Benevolence last year, \$2,723.58; this year, \$3,933.39; gain of \$1,209.81.

Congregational Purposes last year, \$22,793.43; this year, \$26,106.79; gain of \$3,313.36.

ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES.—On June 24, 1889, the candidate C. L. Clist, was received by certificate from the Classis of New Brunswick, and on that date was examined for ordination on the 16th of July, 1889. He was ordained and installed pastor of the church at Montville.

On October 1st, 1889, Rev. George W. Labaw was received from the Classis of Monmouth and installed pastor of the church at Preakness.

On October 1st, 1889, Rev. T. A. Beekman was dismissed to the Classis of Schoharie.

On April 15th, 1890, Rev. W. E. Bogardus was received by certificate from the Presbytery of North River, and he is to be installed pastor of the church at Fairfield, on Wednesday May 14th, 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. TRIMMER, Chairman.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Your Committee on the State of Religion, in presenting the yearly report, would record with gratitude the faithfulness of God, as seen in the presence of His Spirit among the churches.

N. & S. Hampton has made larger contributions, in proportion to means, than for some years. The membership has increased, and added interest is shown in Sabbath-school and Mission work. The seed is being sown by faithful workers, and in answer to earnest prayer there is hope of a promised increase.

Harlingen has lost a large number by death and removals. The Divine blessing has rested upon the means of grace and many have

confessed Christ. The attendance on church services has been good, and harmony has prevailed in our midst.

Neshanic speaks of encouraging interest in all the services. The church was closed during three months for repairs, and this, together with the discouraging condition of the farming interests, has interfered somewhat with the work. But notwithstanding all, the church has been advancing, and while thanking God for the past, takes courage in the promises of God for the future.

First Philadelphia reports a large increase in contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, devoted attention to the means of grace, and marked loyalty to the church. The loss by death admonishes the living to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Second Philadelphia makes mention of steady, quiet work. The Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition, and the services of the sanctuary are well sustained. The Society of Christian Endeavor has proved efficient in interesting the young and training them in church work. Two of the oldest members, who came from the German Reformed Church with the Rev. Dr. Berg, when the church was organized in 1852, were called from earth during the year.

Fourth Philadelphia reports prosperity and growth, with healthful spiritual vigor and earnest activity. Many young people have confessed Christ and have proved their sincerity by their earnestness. The Sabbath-school, under the faithful leadership of its Superintendent, recently elected to his office for the thirtieth time, has been conspicuously successful. Three new organizations have been formed, viz., a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, a Young Men's Society, and a Penny Savings Bank—all of which are in a flourishing condition. The church is thankful to God for the past and present, and trustful for a bright and prosperous future.

Blawenburgh has prosecuted the work of the year under depressing and discouraging conditions. The changes in the population have brought adversity upon the church. The illness of the pastor and other causes have contributed to defeat the hopes for spiritual quickening and increase, and the statistical table does not adequately exhibit the spirit of the people, or their interest in the cause.

Stanton is permitted, with the blessing of God, to present a report different from that of former years. God has visited His pastures with refreshing showers of grace, and sanctified the ministrations of His means of grace to many hearts. The church has been active in the work of benevolence, even exceeding her apportionment. All is perfect peace and harmony, and the pastor is greatly encouraged in the work.

Clover Hill has received more new members into the church during year than for any one year for ten years past. There is no annoy-

ance from financial deficiency. The pastor is happy among a people who show a steady interest in spiritual matters.

Rocky Hill has had no great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but the work of grace is manifesting itself in some who still belong to the world. The Sunday services have been well attended. The people are united and have done much for the church.

Fifth Philadelphia has carefully instructed the young people in the catechism and expects good results. The benevolent contributions have increased and the means of grace have proved a blessing to those in health as well as to the dying.

Addisville sends only a statistical table, which shows however a perceptible increase in contributions for all purposes, and also a decided growth in the Sunday schools.

Three Bridges thanks God for the blessings of the year, and rejoices in the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Thirty-six souls have taken upon themselves the obligations of the christian life, and the whole church seems to be quickened into an active interest in spiritual things. A Society of Christian Endeavor promises to be a source of strength as well as instruction to all the young people of the church. The pastor closes his report with the words "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

With no more fitting expression of thankfulness can we submit the year's record as we remember the gracious promise of the Master to His church, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world, Amen."

ECCLESIASTICAL CHANGES.—The pastoral relation between the Rev. Theo. W. Welles and the Fourth church of Philadelphia, was dissolved in April, 1889, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus.

The Rev. Taber Knox was received from the Classis of Westchester, and he was installed pastor of the Fourth church of Philadelphia, on Nov. 7th, 1889.

The Third Reformed church of Philadelphia was disbanded by Classis, July 1st, 1889, in accordance with the instructions of General Synod, given at Catskill, June, 1889.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. MILLIKEN,
JOHN HART,
CICERO HUNT.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

First Raritan reports a year of harmony and growth. Income and membership have increased. A parsonage has been finished.

Readington.—The year's work quietly carried on, with some signal tokens of the Divine favor.

Bedminster.—Additional services have been held during the winter which have been helpful to God's people. The interest of the people in missions has been marked.

Lebanon.—A year of prosperity and peace with a general spiritual interest developing at its close.

Rockaway.—This church has recently become vacant, and sends its statistical report only.

North Branch.—An average year, with decidedly increased interest in the prayer meeting and the hope of coming blessing. Benevolent work has been systematically prosecuted. The roll of this church has been carefully revised.

Second Raritan.—A year of healthy growth, although the number of deaths among communicants has been unusual. Especial interest in the Young People's Prayer Meeting has been shown. The first fruits from the Helping Hand Sunday-school for the benefit of the colored people have been gathered, six from its numbers having confessed Christ.

Peapack.—A quiet work of grace resulting in the addition of 15 to the church, better organization for christian work, and the addition of a pipe organ to the furnishing of the church.

Branchville.—The best year financially of the present pastorate.

Third Raritan.—A year of steady and prosperous work. Sunday and Wednesday evening attendance largely increased. The presence of the spirit felt and souls brought to Christ.

Pottersville.—A reduced debt, a generous increase of benevolence, the successful institution of a Ladies' Prayer Meeting and special effort to reach the young. The roll of this church has been revised during the year.

High Bridge. without a pastor, has enjoyed the frequent ministrations of the Rev. Dr. Goyu Talmage, and has maintained its prayer meeting and Sabbath-school work successfully.

Annandale.—A year of active effort amidst a decreasing population and under the pressure of worldliness.

Fourth Raritan.—A year of peace, continuous blessing and steady progress.

Beyond these individual reports your committee sees little to which to call the attention of Classis and Particular Synod. They and the statistics accompanying them reveal the fact that this Classis during the year has done but little more than to hold its own. It is true that this has been done hopefully, and is itself something to be thankful for; but it is not enough. We dare not be content with this. Our fields are not so thoroughly worked, nor are they so circumscribed, that the possibility of large advance is denied us. The lesson of the year, as of the preceding one, very like the present, seems to be that we should toil more, pray more, and expect more from our Gracious God.

26 PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1890.

The following ministerial changes have occurred :

Rev. Curtis E. Long has been dismissed to the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. George M. S. Blauvelt has been dismissed to the Classis of New Brunswick.

Rev. M. T. Conklin has been dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

Rev. Henry Martyn Voorhees was received from the Classis of Schenectady.

Rev. Robert VanAmburgh departed from this life March 8th, 1890.

J. P. SEARLE, Chairman.



STATISTICAL TABLES.



CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		No. of Families.	Rec'd.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communion.	Catechumens.	Number of Sab- bath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Pur- poses of the Church.		Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
First Ch., Hackensack.	Herman Vanderwart.	158	10	8	4	1	4	398	5	3	315	2	400	2	\$1,454 00	\$990 00	\$3,692 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh.	George Seibert.	*75	6	1	1	1	3	125	5	2	175	2	175	2	654 24	78 85	1,880 52	Schraalenburgh, N. J.
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor.	42	2	7	1	1	1	50	1	1	150	2	150	2	112 00	45 00	1,000 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
New Durham.	Isaac W. Gowen	118	33	5	2	5	5	274	17	13	150	2	685	2	886 00	291 00	2,835 00	Weehawken, N. J.
First Ch., Hoboken.		40	2	1	6	1	1	50	1	1	50	1	60	1	108 00	45 00	1,300 00	Hoboken, N. J.
Park Ch., Jersey City.	J. Howard Suydam.	210	92	3	2	1	5	428	5	5	31	1	462	1	321 11	100 41	6,710 83	212 8th St., Jersey City.
North Bergen.	John Justin.	69	9	1	1	1	1	89	11	1	31	1	390	1	107 50	46 00	1,080 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Second, Hackensack.	Arthur Johnson.	120	18	10	6	4	7	217	4	7	100	1	195	1	530 00	66 31	4,363 67	Hackensack, N. J.
German Ev., Hoboken.	John Rudolph.	150	2	2	1	1	5	88	12	1	90	1	140	1	22 80	12 00	2,747 00	Hoboken, N. J.
Third Ch., Hackensack.	Louis Goebel.	84	4	1	1	1	1	118	1	3	30	2	83	2	111 02	30 00	1,600 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City.	Henry Ward.	70	4	4	7	1	1	51	2	3	30	2	83	2	53 50	25 00	2,074 24	Closter, N. J.
Palisades.	Wm. D. Buckelew.	35	9	2	1	1	1	71	14	4	161	1	175	1	63 60	97 50	690 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenberg.	Charles S. Wright.	23	22	9	11	1	2	71	14	4	51	1	175	1	71 95	97 50	516 27	Guttenburg, N. J.
Central Av., Jersey City	J. F. Harris, (S. C.)	100	9	8	11	1	2	183	10	2	250	1	385	1	201 54	11 30	2,100 00	Jersey City, N. J.
Cherry Hill.	J. F. Harris, (S. C.)	50	3	5	2	1	1	62	1	1	60	1	123	1	231 15	11 30	1,259 00	New Bridge, N. J.
Spring Valley.	J. F. Harris, (S. S.)	30	6	5	10	1	1	25	1	1	29	1	49	1	37 06	54 89	381 10	New Bridge, N. J.
Westwood.	David M. Talmage.	62	5	10	1	1	1	71	1	1	131	1	154	1	160 09	54 89	1,640 35	Westwood, N. J.
Total.		1,427	239	75	42	4	44	2,549	233	44	843	1,573	21	4,206	\$5,065 27	\$3,032 37	\$32,177 98	

*Revised list.

Other Ministers.—William R. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island, N. Y.; William C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland Co., Va.; Wm. Manchoe, Passaic, N. J.; James H. Ballagh, missionary, Kanagawa, Japan; Isaac E. House, Nyack, N. Y.; John W. Freund, Hoboken, N. J.; Thomas Morton, Guttenberg, N. J.

Licentiate.—Carl Krause.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.								B.A.P.		C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	No. of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Recd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Comm.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Bergen	Cornelius Brett.....	265	30	17	8	13	550	35	7	200	400	2	599	\$1,985 92	599	\$7,992 61	509 Bergen Av., Jersey City.
First Jersey City	Vacant.....	200	7	14	1	3	931	39	2	350	400	2	658	713 74	658	4,906 38	Rayne, N. J.
First Bayonne.....	Wm. W. Knox.....	110	22	16	10	1	231	9	5	500	102	1	923	903 81	923	3,600 00	Barrow St., Jersey City.
Wayne St., Jersey City	Paul D. VanCleaf.....	75	11	2	1	6	120	9	1	500	100	1	1,900	1,250 00	1,900	3,600 00	Bergant Point, N. J.
Bergen Point.....	James F. Riggs.....	160	11	2	1	7	393	53	7	530	180	1	580	297 75	580	5,352 43	14 Sherman Place, Jer. City
Second Hudson City	E. A. Meury.....	110	22	19	7	2	392	22	8	180	180	1	381	251 00	381	4,639 00	239 Pacific Ave., Jer. City.
Lafayette.....	Wm. R. Duryee, (S.C.).....	138	11	19	4	2	240	5	1	81	290	1	360	482 04	360	10,102 81	110 Linden Ave., Jer. City.
Greenville.....	Wm. F. Bruce.....	100	34	16	8	2	200	13	4	100	292	1	483	137 50	483	1,500 00	119 Grand St., "
Free, Jersey City.....	A. A. Zabriskie.....	65	10	33	25	6	213	9	20	378	12	1	356	192 02	356	1,200 00	48 Fairview Ave., "
Third, Bayonne.....	G. Andraea, (S. S.).....	108	33	25	6	4	179	59	4	240	15	1	360	142 00	360	1,766 00	170 Mercer St., "
South Bergen.....	Wm. D. Grant.....	68	4	1	2	4	140	84	1	378	12	1	315	90 00	315	2,463 50	170 Mercer St., "
First Ger. Ev., Jer. City	John Staehli.....	70	30	1	2	4	179	59	4	125	130	2	360	245 00	360	1,800 00	48 Fairview Ave., "
St. John's G. Ev., Bergen.....	Gottlieb Andraea.....	1,469	205	121	63	1	139,325	361	48	2,234	1,950	15	4,505	\$8,039 78	4,505	\$49,222 73	
Total																	

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theological School, Tokio, Japan.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS. BAP.										C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census No. of Families.	Rec. On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sab- bath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent pur- poses of the Church.	Other Religious Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Freehold.....	J. Henry Bertholf.....	99	5	43	...	6	249	14	8	.....	200	2	200	\$249 82	\$72 19	\$1,793 42	Marlboro, Mon. Co., N. J.
	W. Kelley, Emeritus. }	100	8	2	1	2	193	1	1	.....	100	1	150	353 19	61 18	2,799 81	{ Freehold, " "
	A. Hageman..... }	30	...	...	1	...	68	5	...	.....	...	...	30	92 60	6 85	600 00	{ Holmdel, " "
Spotswood.....	C. Spaulding, Emeritus	35	11	...	2	...	86	1	8	.....	...	...	1	173 41	...	1,024 21	38 Parkhurst St., Newark.
Middletown.....	Charles D. Buck.....	103	21	11	9	...	284	7	16	.....	130	1	180	500 49	181 47	3,440 59	Middletown, Mon. Co., N. J.
Second Freehold.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	57	19	...	...	...	98	4	9	.....	30	1	120	128 00	...	634 85	Freehold, " "
Keyport.....	Elias Mead.....	57	19	...	...	...	170	7	...	.....	...	...	137	83 69	...	1,707 89	Keyport, " "
Long Branch.....	Vacant.....	87	20	13	...	...	170	7	...	.....	25	1	90	91 38	16 96	1,027 48	" "
Colts Neck.....	Vacant.....	92	1	1	8	...	154	4	1	.....	...	...	87	13 67	5 00	165 44	" "
Coats Neck.....	Vacant.....	24	1	1	1	...	80	...	...	.....	...	...	1	79 45	...	1,060 00	" "
Highlands.....	Vacant.....	62	3	14	1	...	180	...	...	.....	...	...	1	79 45	...	1,060 00	Asbury Park, " "
Asbury Park.....	Ezekiel C. Scudder.....	62	3	14	1	...	180	...	...	.....	...	...	1	79 45	...	1,060 00	Asbury Park, " "
Total.....	Total.....	689	89	45	26	231	1,400	43	38	30	555	11	1,125	\$1,854 71	\$343 65	\$14,253 69		

Other Ministers.—Rev. Samuel Lockwood, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Rev. Henry Boggis; Rev. Edward Cornet, suspended from the ministry.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sab- bath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent pur- poses of the Church.		Other Religious Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Belleville	William J. Leggett.....	130	5	14	8	5	199	6	13	100	150	1	205	\$548 44	\$105 94	\$2,683 40	Belleville, N. J.		
First, Newark.....	Carlos Martyn.....	125	30	9	12	5	325	13	7	...	...	2	500	500 00	125 00	6,073 00	Newark, "
Irvington.....	Henry Vehslage, (S. C.)	192	5	4	3	2	170	4	1	...	78	1	250	40 00	10 00	3,450 00	Irvington, "		
Second, Newark.....	Supplied.....	175	6	3	7	2	216	3	...	200	...	200	1	212 05	26 40	2,848 84	Newark, "		
Franklin	Supplied.....	88	...	...	...	...	78	...	...	60	1	65	11 97	...	...	1,031 32	Nutley, "
North, Newark.....	David Waters.....	290	19	31	13	10	623	15	7	...	3	3	952	11,210 10	2,017 22	11,047 86	Newark, "		
West, Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	90	37	...	...	5	280	50	...	20	49	1	280	30 00	26 00	2,044 00	Newark, "
Clinton Av., Newark.....	Daniel H. Martin.....	110	3	5	12	...	3	110	3	...	200	2	595	871 96	1,314 58	7,165 47	Newark, "		
Trinity, Newark.....	Richard P. Milliken.....	65	12	4	...	...	3	110	10	75	...	1	260	57 53	9 53	1,535 33	Newark, "
Linden	Supplied.....	31	2	...	...	1	62	2	...	...	1	106	55 12	...	...	1,055 62	Linden, "
Christ, Woodside	Charles H. Jones.....	140	13	15	6	1	194	2	3	...	206	1	283	473 21	136 01	3,005 00	Newark, "		
Stone House Plains.....	William G. E. See.....	45	...	...	...	3	69	4	...	...	1	127	52 24	37 00	783 00	Brookdale, "	
Orange	George S. Bishop.....	240	16	10	14	4	528	11	5	...	321	1	387	2,520 75	174 51	14,065 19	East Orange, N. J.		
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Cornelius Schenck.....	203	17	22	15	4	415	9	4	...	1	429	585 72	667 68	9,225 59	Plainfield, "			
German, Plainfield.....	Frederick Koechl.....	73	9	...	1	...	81	...	12	2	1	45	43 00	63 00	870 00	Plainfield, "			
Total.....		1,902	174	117	95	1	50	3,672	144	28	207	1,266	19,478	\$17,245 09	\$4,712 87	\$56,883 62			

* Revised List.

† Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 344 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.; Benjamin C. Miller, Nutley, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.						C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Rec'd.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non- Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sab- bath Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent Pur- poses of the Church.	Other Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman.....	305	108	12	14	1	17	771	30	23	.....	250	1	540	.....	\$1,356 00	\$2,039 00	\$4,545 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run.....	George M. S. Blauvelt.....	150	8	6	6	1	6	296	5	3	.....	65	5	300	.....	1,046 00	203 00	1,684 00	Franklin Park, "
Hillsborough.....	Theodore Shafer.....	145	11	13	10	.....	9	291	8	3	.....	53	7	203	.....	297 00	163 00	1,341 00	Millstone, "
Middlebush.....	James Le Fevre.....	80	6	6	11	.....	6	170	4	.....	100	1	115	.....	378 00	51 00	1,400 00	Middlebush, "	
Griggstown.....	Robt. V. Palmer.....	48	.....	1	6	.....	2	109	4	.....	30	1	63	.....	125 00	22 00	850 00	Griggstown, "	
Second, N. Brunswick.	Manlius H. Hutton.....	173	26	25	16	.....	14	417	17	6	.....	205	2	307	.....	1,517 00	639 00	8,953 00	New Brunswick, "
Round Brook.....	Jas. T. Schock.....	48	3	10	4	.....	1	104	5	2	.....	24	1	149	.....	70 00	17 00	1,292 00	Bloomington, "
Third, N. Brunswick.	Carl Meyer, (S. S.).	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	24	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 00	.....	282 00	New Brunswick, "	
East Millstone.....	Alex. McWilliam.....	65	3	2	12	.....	1	140	3	1	.....	35	1	90	.....	154 00	67 00	981 00	East Millstone, "
Metuchen.....	Garret Wyckoff.....	53	11	.....	4	.....	4	130	2	6	.....	90	2	170	.....	343 00	.....	1,380 00	Metuchen, "
Suydam Street, New Brunswick.	Alan D. Campbell.....	60	28	17	4	.....	1	162	3	10	.....	164	1	189	.....	279 00	68 00	3,399 00	New Brunswick, "
	Total.....	1,137	204	92	87	2	52	2,614	83	54	.....	1,016	22	2,126	.....	\$5,616 00	\$3,269 00	\$26,107 00	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper; T. Sandford Doolittle; Ralph Willis; E. T. Corwin, (S. C.); Wm. H. Campbell, Emeritus; John L. See, all of New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord, Pachogue, N. Y.; A. F. Todd, Danellen, N. J.; Eugene S. Rooth, Yokohama, Japan.

Candidates.—DeWitt T. Rolley, Lewiston, Pa.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.; Alex. G. Van Aken.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census No. of Families	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non- Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sub- both Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent Pur- poses of the Church.	Other Religious Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.
Aquackanonck.....	John Gaston.....	150	6	10	12	10	372	10	1	230	150	1	350	\$1,262 67	\$834 94	\$5,245 00	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
B'way, Paterson.....	N. H. VanArsdale.....	100	6	15	6	7	182	2	1	130	100	1	229	534 92	129 33	4,454 95	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Centerville.....	Anson DuBois.....	75	15	3	2	1	116	5	1	70	.....	1	110	36 00	.....	1,293 30	Athens, Passaic Co., N. J.
Clarkstown.....	Vacant.....	95	15	3	10	2	116	5	1	70	.....	1	110	22 30	111 03	1,293 30	Mt. Moor, Rockland Co., N. Y.
1st Holland, Paterson.....	James Huyssoon.....	84	6	8	1	1	136	16	1	160	82	1	102	64 18	119 74	479 02	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Lodi.....	John G. Jongeneel.....	44	7	5	10	1	52	5	1	170	40	1	70	30 25	.....	412 91	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Holland, Passaic.....	C. W. Jacobs.....	130	70	47	4	13	326	49	1	620	302	1	402	43 70	21 37	1,549 15	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Hol'd, W'ortendyke.....	Vacant.....	105	9	11	4	1	272	13	1	460	90	1	375	96 80	.....	1,094 15	W'ortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.
North, Passaic.....	J. C. VanDerventer, S. C.	90	20	11	4	1	330	22	1	280	90	1	375	436 35	218 19	18,206 25	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Nyack.....	J. C. VanDerventer, S. C.	157	10	10	17	7	374	5	2	170	220	1	323	1,203 29	229 53	3,693 54	Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Paramus.....	William H. Vroom.....	110	9	8	1	1	195	7	1	137	150	1	184	131 23	46 50	2,210 00	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pascack.....	Edward Lortewick.....	100	9	8	1	1	144	2	1	130	130	1	130	171 00	69 53	1,820 90	Park Ridge, Bergen Co., N. J.
Piermont.....	William Verbruycke.....	60	6	1	1	1	128	2	1	.....	80	1	98	257 40	145 27	2,248 94	Piermont, Rock'd Co., N. Y.
Ranapo.....	Vacant.....	60	1	1	1	1	99	2	1	.....	85	1	98	100 00	.....	725 00	Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ramseys.....	Vacant.....	81	13	7	6	3	148	3	5	63	91	1	90	192 61	5 00	1,239 25	Ramseys, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ridgewood.....	J. A. VanNeste.....	54	2	2	1	1	88	3	1	100	55	1	92	44 32	.....	1,135 38	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Saddle River.....	William N. Todd.....	39	1	2	1	1	65	6	1	.....	10	1	130	32 75	25 00	1,100 00	Monsey, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Second, Lodi.....	James Bolton.....	180	22	17	3	8	333	10	4	58	110	1	325	643 65	792 63	3,491 33	79 Division St., Paterson, N. J.
Second, Totowa.....	J. H. Dirksen, P. E.	85	9	1	9	1	124	4	5	130	110	1	130	133 09	1 50	1,276 38	17 Temple St., Paterson, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	Thos. W. Welles.....	80	1	1	1	1	121	5	1	85	70	1	85	158 61	64 44	1,413 60	Spring Valley, Rock'd Co., N. Y.
Tappan.....	Cornel's E. Crispell.....	125	16	5	5	5	223	4	7	130	74	1	130	862 47	161 15	2,537 56	Tappan, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Warwick.....	Peter Crispell.....	47	15	3	3	1	110	7	11	22	.....	1	127	175 28	6 00	684 52	Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.
West-New Hempstead	Thos. S. Dushburre.....	1,972	253	160	80	13	653,851	189,51	2,849	1,708	27,424	.....	27,424	\$7,040 99	\$8,650 55	\$81,208 63	Viola, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Total.....																	

Other Ministers—R. Bart M. O'Ford, New York Observer, 37 and 33 Park Place, New York City; C. B. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y. *Revised Roll.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non- Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sab- bath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent pur- poses of the Church.		Other Religious Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Boardville.....	Vacant *.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	73	1	78	.....	.....	.....	\$179 00	Midvale, Passaic Co., N. J.
Boonton.....	Clarence M. Porlee.....	62	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	2	.....	28	.....	1	86	\$103 37	.....	.....	1,295 90	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Fairfield.....	Wm. E. Bogardus.....	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	123	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	102	158 42	.....	.....	3,339 90	Fairfield, Essex Co., N. J.
Franklin Furnace.....	Gilbert S. Garrison.....	41	6	11	10	.....	.....	27	1	2	23	.....	1	187	121 63	115 75	.....	745 46	Franklin Furnace, N. J.
Little Falls.....	Jacob O. Van Fleet.....	75	5	6	1	.....	.....	145	6	1	.....	.....	1	131	202 55	39 00	.....	2,993 13	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J.
Montville.....	C. L. Chittenden.....	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	1	.....	.....	.....	1	75	95 00	.....	.....	1,975 98	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
8th Paters., Holland.....	E. Van Heloo.....	490	91	34	5	.....	9	579	72	3	1135	683	.....	5	525	191 46	518 37	1,950 48	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Pompton Plains.....	Henry W. Teller.....	140	22	10	6	.....	5	324	610	.....	300	.....	5	375	551 07	205 00	.....	1,900 00	Pompton Plains, Morris Co., N. J.
Pompton.....	John A. Trimmer.....	85	9	10	3	.....	4	200	2	4	.....	110	1	235	327 57	200 00	.....	1,700 00	Pompton, Passaic Co., N. J.
Pompton.....	Vacant.....	64	8	1	1	.....	5	74	9	5	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	.....	1,243 25	Oakland, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pompton.....	Vacant.....	48	5	6	2	.....	.....	99	2	2	120	.....	2	106	170 70	.....	.....	1,061 85	Oakland, Bergen Co., N. J.
Paterson.....	George W. Labaw.....	70	8	8	6	.....	.....	71	27	5	.....	.....	1	300	38 36	13 02	.....	2,148 11	Paterson, N. J.
Paterson.....	Albert A. King, (S. C.).....	100	12	8	.....	.....	4	260	8	4	.....	130	1	225	305 41	79 09	.....	4,151 90	Paterson, N. J.
Paterson.....	J. Lemoyne Danner.....	252	21	30	6	.....	4	393	54	3	754	190	1	345	145 78	221 14	.....	1,281 65	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Paterson.....	H. E. Niles.....	87	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	121	70 70	.....	.....	1,660 00	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Wyckoff.....	Wm. E. Faulkner.....	87	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	121	70 70	.....	.....	1,660 00	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	1,631	201	120	47	.....	38	2,454	199	40	2,090	1,313	19	2,878	\$2,323 60	\$1,609 79	\$26,106 79		

* Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J., and Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
N. & S. Hampton	Samuel Strong	135	15	3	2	1	5	238	5	5	176	90	45	376	\$230 00	\$1,635 00	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.	
Harlingen	Francis M. Klipp	140	11	11	21	2	269	8	1	1	176	90	45	376	\$230 00	1,400 00	Harlingen, N. J.	
Nesbitt	John H. Miller	145	10	8	13	4	257	7	2	150	77	77	14	359	410 00	2,065 00	Nesbitt, N. J.	
First Philadelphia	P. H. Miller	100	5	4	1	6	274	11	5	209	265	209	1	311	2,101 00	5,722 00	1216 Spring Garden St., Phila.	
Second Philadelphia	Wm. H. Clark	224	10	4	10	4	381	5	5	209	265	209	2	574	2,122 00	8,691 00	517 Brown St., Phila., Pa.	
Fourth Philadelphia	Taber Knox	140	28	13	5	9	460	20	3	200	1	512	28	612	526 00	3,290 00	135 Grape St., 21st Ward, Phila.	
Blawenburgh	W. B. Voorhees, (S. C.)	89	1	2	4	3	167	4	1	25	25	25	1	58	215 00	1,008 00	Blawenburgh, N. J.	
Stanton	Adrian Westervelt	433	28	7	3	4	165	4	15	26	1	75	26	1	48 00	950 00	Stanton, N. J.	
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogart	75	7	7	7	4	135	4	5	26	1	75	26	1	48 00	860 00	Clover Hill, N. J.	
Rocky Hill	J. E. Crane	61	6	4	4	4	119	4	2	109	1	131	221	221	221 00	1,016 00	Rocky Hill, N. J.	
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	150	7	2	4	4	223	54	4	1	351	352	40	1	351	2,296 00	2223 Susquehanna Ave., Phila.	
Addisville	S. O. Lawling	50	1	2	2	1	125	3	1	56	44	236	331	331	131 00	1,169 00	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.	
Three Bridges	Eugene Hill	71	36	5	2	1	172	2	15	50	1	127	112	112	112 00	838 00	Three Bridges, N. J.	
Total		1,446	155	60	69	1	542,935	131	50	382	1,080	28	3,310	\$7,372 00	\$25,968 00			

* Revised list. † 1 Union. ‡ 2 Union. § 3 Union.

Other Ministers.—Abm. R. Van Nest, 208 Fifth Avenue, New York City; J. V. N. Talmage, Amoy, China; C. E. Gramm; A. Stoll, Balpore, India.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Census No. of Families.		On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Beneficent Purposes of the Church.	Other Religious Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
		Rec'd.	On Certificate.																
First Raritan.....	J. Preston Searle.....	225	9	30	10	6	475	12	4	200	1	350	\$1,158 47	\$144 23	\$5,961 14	Somerville, N. J.			
Readington.....	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff.....	195	8	13	6	255	7	3	155	80	4	250	315 00	61 29	1,343 69	Readington, N. J.			
Bedminster.....	John L. McNair.....	199	7	10	6	1	223	2	1	80	1	170	530 94	134 87	1,217 38	Bedminster, N. J.			
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis.....	210	6	5	5	6	272	4	1	...	2	220	190 09	31 81	2,068 50	Lebanon, N. J.			
Rockaway.....	Vacant.....	104	4	5	...	4	236	7	...	...	5	230	115 00	...	1,050 00	White House, N. J.	
North Branch.....	Philip M. Doolittle.....	121	2	11	13	2	*154	1	...	85	2	140	420 17	54 00	1,029 86	North Branch, N. J.			
Second Raritan.....	Edward G. Read.....	210	14	25	16	1	540	9	7	175	2	498	913 28	145 20	4,451 19	Somerville, N. J.			
Peapack.....	George Davis.....	115	15	3	12	7	190	6	5	...	100	100	75 04	30 05	1,184 22	Peapack, N. J.			
Branchville.....	Joel Loucks.....	109	5	2	7	4	220	4	...	...	162	38	308 87	31 00	1,359 64	South Branch, N. J.	
Third Raritan.....	Wm. B. De Hart.....	136	17	10	20	2	297	22	3	240	1	285	599 05	73 50	1,649 90	Raritan, N. J.			
Pottersville.....	George J. Van Neste.....	66	2	5	6	3	*112	9	2	30	1	100	160 42	3 50	991 38	Pottersville, N. J.			
High Bridge.....	Vacant.....	72	2	2	...	...	132	1	1	...	1	115	38 31	17 61	891 16	High Bridge, N. J.	
Annandale.....	Wm. J. Henderson.....	60	5	4	2	...	104	2	...	10	10	...	80 40	16 30	1,127 00	Annandale, N. J.			
Fourth Raritan.....	Supplied.....	5	...	...	2	58	...	...	...	...	9	...	64 21	...	138 61	Somerville, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	1,737/96	120	108	4	57	3,278	96/27	245	819	26	2,682	\$5,019 25	\$773 36	\$24,463 67				

* Revised List.

† 2 Union.

Other Ministers.—Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Meisick, (S. C.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; Abram N. Wyckoff, Bedminster, N. J.; Chas. H. Pool, Cor. Sec'y of Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1890.

CLASSES.	REC'D.			Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	BAPTIZED.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.				
	Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.				Infants.	Adults.	Baptized Non- Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sab- bath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benefvolent Pur- poses of the Church.	Other Religious Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.					
Classis of Bergen.....	17	21	1	1,427	290	75	42	4	44	2,540	233	44	343	1,573	21	4,206	\$5,065 27	\$3,032 37	\$82,177 98	I. F. Harris.
South Classis of Bergen.....	13	12	...	1,469	295	121	63	1	39	3,025	361	48	2,234	1,950	15	4,595	\$8,039 78	49,222 73	W. R. Durvee.	
Classis of Monmouth.....	10	10	...	689	89	45	26	2	31	1,400	43	38	30	555	11	1,125	1,854 71	14,253 69	A. Hageman.	
Classis of Newark.....	15	17	...	1,902	174	117	95	1	50	3,672	144	28	207	1,896	19	4,784	17,245 09	56,883 62	Henry Vehlslage.	
Classis of N. Brunswick.....	11	21	3	1,137	204	92	87	2	52	2,614	83	54	...	1,916	22	2,126	5,616 00	26,107 00	E. T. Corwin.	
Classis of Paramus.....	23	22	...	1,972	253	160	89	13	65	3,851	189	51	2,849	1,708	27	4,248	7,040 99	81,308 63	J. C. Vandeventer.	
Classis of Passaic.....	15	15	...	1,631	201	120	47	...	38	2,454	199	40	2,060	1,313	19	2,878	2,323 60	26,106 79	A. A. King.	
Classis of Philadelphia.....	13	17	...	1,446	155	60	69	1	54	2,935	131	50	382	1,089	28	3,310	\$7,372 00	25,968 00	W. B. Voorbees.	
Classis of Barlattan.....	14	17	...	1,737	96	120	108	4	57	3,278	96	27	245	819	26	2,682	5,019 25	21,463 67	John F. Mesick.	
Total.....	131	152	4	13,410	1,607	910	626	28	430	25,769	1,479	380	8,350	11,910	188	29,954	\$59,576 69	\$16,791 56	\$336,492 11	

* In the reports of these two Classes contributions were not classified according to rule of General Synod.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The following report of the Committee on Classical Minutes was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report that the Record Books of the various Classes were presented and referred to Sub-Committees for examination.

Their reports are as follows :

Classis of Bergen.—Your Committee would respectfully report that an examination reveals the fact that the records are correctly kept. That record shows the following as to the Constitutional Questions :

The 1st, 5th and 6th Questions are answered in the *affirmative* by the following churches :

First Hackensack,	Second Hackensack,	Central Ave., Jersey City.
Schraalenburgh,	German, Hoboken,	Cherry Hill,
New Durham,	Third Hackensack,	Spring Valley,
Park Ch. Jersey City, Closter,		Westwood.
North Bergen,	Palisades.	

The 2d Question was answered in the *negative* by the following churches :

First Hackensack,	Third Hackensack,	Cherry Hill,
Second Hackensack,	New Durham,	Spring Valley,
Park Ch. Jersey City, Closter City,		Westwood,
Palisades,	Central Ave., Jersey City.	

The 3d Question was answered in the *affirmative* by all except the church of Spring Valley.

The 4th Question in the *affirmative* by all except Spring Valley.

The 7th Question was answered in the *affirmative* by Schraalenburgh and New Durham.

First Hackensack ; Second Hackensack ; German, Hoboken ; Closter, and Spring Valley, answer " To 4."

Park Church, Jersey City ; North Bergen ; Central Ave., Jersey City, and Cherry Hill, answer " To 6."

Westwood answers " To 5."

Third Hackensack, " To 2."

HENRY VEHSLAGE,
AARON HOFFMAN.

South Classis of Bergen.—Your Committee find nothing requiring the attention of Synod.

The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows :

To Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, nine churches answer " yes."

To Question 7, five churches answer "yes," three churches "all but two," and one church "no."

D. M. TALMAGE,
HENRY BELL.

Classis of Monmouth.—Your Committee would respectfully report that we have examined the records of the Classis of Monmouth and find the same in order, and that the Constitutional Questions are carefully asked. The answers are all in the *affirmative*, except that the 2d Question has four *negative* answers out of six; and one church, Middletown, contributed to all the Boards except three.

J. F. RIGGS,
C. C. VAN REYPEN.

Classis of Newark.—The minutes are in regular order. The Constitutional Questions were answered in the *affirmative* by the following churches:

Belleville,	First Newark,	North Newark,
Trinity, Plainfield,	Second Newark,	Clinton Ave., Newark.

The 2d Question was answered in the *negative* by

Trinity, Newark,	Trinity, Plainfield,
Woodside,	German, Plainfield

The 7th Question was answered in the *negative* by the following churches:

Irvington,	Trinity, Newark,	Orange,
Franklin,	Linden,	German, Plainfield,
West Newark,	Woodside.	

J. T. SCHOCK.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Your Committee, appointed to examine the records of the Classis of New Brunswick, find the minutes regular and correctly kept.

J. R. VERBRYCKE.

Classis of Paramus.—Your Committee find the minutes properly kept. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows:

1st Question, 17 "yes."	5th Question, 16 "yes," 1 "no."
2d " 8 " 6 "no."	6th " 16 "
3d " 17 "	7th " 8 " 9 "
4th " 14 " 2 "	

J. O. VAN FLEET.

Classis of Passaic.—Your Committee has examined the minutes of Classis and find them orderly kept. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows:

2d Question, 4 "yes," 8 "no," blank, 3.
3d " 11 " 2 " 2.
7th " 3 " 10 " 2.

All the other questions, "yes."

N. H. VAN ARSDALE,
T. V. D. ZABRISKIE.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Your Committee would report that it finds the records very nicely kept, and in regular order, save in one particular: The records of two meetings, May 7, 1889, and April 8, 1890, have no signatures of President and Clerk appended. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows:

1st Question, 13 "yes."	5th Question 13 "
2d " 6 " 6 "no."	6th " 13 "
3d " 13 "	7th " 5 " 8 "no."
4th " 13 "	

B. V. D. WYCKOFF.

Classis of Raritan.—Your Committee would report that these minutes are kept in good order. The Constitutional Questions were answered as follows:

1st Question, all "yes."	5th Question, all "yes."
2d " 9 " 5 "no."	6th " 12 " 2 "no."
3d " all "	7th " 9 " 5 "
4th " " "	

C. F. C. SUCKOW,
L. S. BLACKWELL.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. CLARK,
P. H. MILLIKEN,
Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The following report from the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business was accepted and adopted:

MAY 7, 1890.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial business of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, begs leave to report as follows:

There has been referred to us,

1. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, as to the consolidation of our yearly Missionary Conferences with the yearly sessions of the Particular Synods.

2. Papers in relation to affairs connected with the Third Church of Philadelphia.

I.

The communication from Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D.D., Secretary of our Board of Foreign Missions, suggests the consolidation of the Missionary Conference with the annual meeting of Particular Synod.

Your Committee recommend that it be adopted and that a committee be appointed to prepare a plan for the same and report at the present session of this Synod.

The remaining matter is presented in a group of communications consisting of, (1) An appeal by Rev. Wm. H. Clark and others, mem-

II.

bers of the Classis of Philadelphia, from the action of said Classis, on July 1, 1889, by which the Third Church of Philadelphia was disbanded, in compliance with the action of the last General Synod, in June, 1889. (2). A complaint by Rev. Wm. H. Clark and others, against the President and Stated Clerk of the Classis of Philadelphia, in two particulars, viz : in that the name of the Third Church of Philadelphia was not called from the roll of the churches of said Classis, at its regular session in October, 1889, and in that the Elder, George F. Gordon was at the same time refused recognition as representative delegate of the said Third Reformed Church to the said Classis. This paper, at its close, particularly requests, in order to avoid the technical objection, that the previous appeal be considered, not as an appeal, but as a complaint. (3). The complaint of the Elder, George F. Gordon against the Classis of Philadelphia, with various charges and specifications, to the effect that he has been unjustly denied official recognition, by the Classis of Philadelphia, that his standing as a member of the Third Church of Philadelphia, has been called into question without cause, and that he has felt himself to be personally wronged and aggrieved.

With this general description, your Committee desires to say :

1. The papers are found to be in order as to constitutional requirements.

2. Your Committee has confined attention to the documentary presentation of the case, and has not attempted an investigation and adjudication by personal conferences with the parties in the committee-room.

3. The three documents are closely related—in fact, are so involved that the consideration of any one of them, though that one were the personal complaint of Elder Gordon, must bring to notice the entire subject matter.

4. The general nature of the subject matter is already well known to our whole church. It has been before the Particular Synod of New Brunswick in the past. It was carried under a special phase to the General Synod of 1889, which gave its deliverance upon the affair as then and there presented, and ordered the Classis of Philadelphia to disband the Third Church of Philadelphia, etc.

5. It is therefore, a question how this self-same subject-matter can come again before Particular Synod. The occasion for this present appeal and complaint has been found in the action of Classis, in carrying out the order of General Synod, viz : to disband the Third Church of Philadelphia.

6. Right here, important points force themselves upon our notice, viz : without questioning the right of private opinion as to the action of General Synod, (whether it was wise or unwise, within its prerogatives or without), it must be asked, is General Synod the Supreme Ju-

dicatory under our Ecclesiastical Constitution? and are its deliverances authoritative? And as to the Classis; had it, in these premises, any optional course that it could pursue? in refusing, or neglecting obedience to any judicial order of General Synod, would or would not a Classis lie open to the charge of the unwarrantable assumption of responsibility? These questions seem to suggest their own and only true answers.

7. Without pronouncing a verdict, or venturing even an opinion, as to the action of General Synod, in the present instance, and merely for the sake of argument granting that a different deliverance might have been more desirable, (not to say just), who shall sit in judgment upon its acts? What court shall review and reverse its decisions? For a Classis, or a Particular Synod, to undertake to do this, would be a matter of pure assumption, subvert the constitutional order of judicial process by making the Higher court subject to the Lower, and render it impossible to bring any judicial question to a really final disposition.

8. By entertaining and issuing the appeal and complaints before us, it seems to your Committee, that it is hardly possible for this particular Synod to reach any conclusion that would be satisfactory. A decision by this body against the action of the Classis of Philadelphia would be a practical reversion of the order of General Synod. On the other hand, a decision of this body against the appellants and complainants would leave them in a condition more than ever embarrassing and compel them to go for redress by appeal from Particular Synod to that very body which has already ordered the extinction of the Third Church of Philadelphia.

9. The grand point for this Particular Synod to determine, however, is as to its own right of jurisdiction in the premises. Your Committee has carefully sought, but failed to find, ground upon which to rest such claim.

10. With full appreciation of the grievous embarrassment in which the various parties to this case, both ecclesiastical and personal, are involved, also hoping and praying that the God of all wisdom and grace may yet, and speedily, show them some other way of relief than by application to Particular Synod, your Committee is constrained, by technical considerations, and without touching the merits of the subject matter of these papers, to recommend in conclusion that, the aforementioned appeal and complaints be not entertained.

And your Committee respectfully suggests that the papers be read for the information of Synod, before voting upon this recommendation, and that in case of its adoption, they be returned to their respective authors.

P. M. DOOLITTLE, Chairman,
WM. H. VROOM,
C. C. VAN REYPEN,
Committee.

For the report of the Committee upon the second item above, the following substitute was proposed by Rev. Wm. H. Clark, D.D.:

"Resolved, That the complaints and appeal of certain members of the Classis of Philadelphia be received and considered in accordance with the order prescribed in the Rules of Order of the Constitution."

The ayes and noes being called for, it was lost by the following vote: *Ayes*, Ministers, Wm. W. Knox, C. F. C. Suckow, Wm. H. Clark, Elders, Henry Bell, C. C. Van Reyppen, Michael Schultz, Daniel Bohl.—*Seven. Noes*, Ministers, D. M. Talmage, Wm. D. Buckalew, Wm. Manchee, J. F. Riggs, P. D. VanCleaf, I. P. Brokaw, A. Hageman, J. N. Jansen, H. Vehslage, Chas. H. Jones, Jas. T. Schock, R. V. Palmer, J. R. Verbrycke, N. H. VanArsdale, W. H. Vroom, H. W. Teller, P. H. Milliken, Taber Knox, B. V. D. Wyckoff, Wm. E. Davis, P. M. Doolittle. Elders, T. M. Ward, John Duncan, C. T. Williamson, Jas. Stoothoff, J. Snyder, L. S. Blackwell, A. Hoffman, J. N. Groendyke, L. VanDerveer.—*Thirty*.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

The Standing Committee on Temperance reported that a meeting of the committee had been held during the year, but that no action had been taken requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D., presented credentials as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, which were received, and Dr. Wells was heard on Wednesday forenoon, at 10.30 o'clock. The Rev. P. D. VanCleeef, D.D., was received as the representative of the Board of Domestic Missions, and was heard on Wednesday afternoon. The following minute was then adopted :

The Synod has heard with pleasure the address on behalf of Foreign Missions by Rev. Dr. C. L. Wells, and that of Rev. P. D. VanCleeef, D.D., in behalf of Domestic Missions, and hereby express their cordial thanks to these brethren for their words of counsel, and cordially commend the work of both our Foreign and Domestic Board to all the churches within the bounds of this Synod.

Rev. W. J. Henderson, Chairman of the Synod's Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented his report. Its concluding recommendations are as follows :

In view of the slow progress in Systematic Offerings by our churches, the Committee recommend the following action :

1. That the pastors and Consistories be reminded of their ordination and installation vows, to be faithful in God's house, and that fidelity in Christ's service requires that an opportunity be given annually to the congregations to make an offering to every object, recommended by the General Synod.

2. That some systematic plan be adopted by every Consistory, whereby this opportunity shall be given to the people.

3. That a minimum of offerings be asked of not less than 10 cents per member for Education ; 60 cents per member for Domestic Missions ; 5 cents per member for Publication ; \$1.50 per member for Foreign Missions ; 5 cents per member for the Widows' Fund ; 10 cents per member for the Disabled Ministers' Fund ; 36 cents per member for Church Building Fund.

4. That Synod consider the advantages of its annual meeting being held in the Autumn ; and the advisability of a change in the Constitution to the option of a Conventional, or a delegated body in the Particular Synods.

5. That the several Classes be instructed to appoint a Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Now, Fathers and Brethren, what we need most of all is the Holy Spirit to help us to consecrate ourselves to God, and then our goods

and gifts will come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. For "whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him; how dwelleth the love of God in him?" "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on the earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through, nor steal."

W. J. HENDERSON,
W. H. CLARK, D.D.,
C. C. HINES,
Com. on Sys. Benef.

By request of W. H. Clark, D.D., Rev. W. H. DeHart was put in his place upon this committee.

ARTICLE XVI.

TREASURER.

The report of the Treasurer was presented to Synod as follows:

NYACK, N. Y., April 5th, 1890.

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*, in account with

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

		Dr.	
1889.			
May 6—	To balance in Treasury.....	\$180	54
	8—To cash for arrears from Classis of Bergen for 1888.....	24	00
Sept. 21—	To cash from Classis of Paramus.....	40	00
Oct. 15—	" " " Raritan.....	37	00
Dec. 11—	" " " New Brunswick.....	20	00
1890.			
Feb. 18—	" " " Newark.....	26	00
18—	" " " Philadelphia.....	36	00
19—	" " " South Classis of Bergen.....	25	00
Mar. 21—	" " " Monmouth.....	16	00
21—	" " " Rev. I. P. Brokaw.....	3	00
April 30—	" " " Classis of Bergen.....	24	00
			\$431 54
1889.		Cr.	
May 9—	By cash paid I. P. Brokaw, expenses.....	\$3	00
9—	" " Sexton Ref'd church, Philadelphia.....	10	00
29—	" " Printing, packing and postage, 450 copies minutes.....	109	50
—	" " Ralph W. Brokaw's salary.....	63	00
			185 50
	Balance in treasury.....	\$246	04

UNPAID.

Classis of Passaic..... \$30 00

Respectfully submitted,

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*.

It was referred to the committee on Treasurer's report, who reported as follows :

The committee on Treasurer's accounts would respectfully report that they have examined the report and compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct.

J. O. VAN FLEET, Chairman.

ARTICLE XVII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod appointed 9 o'clock A. M. and 2.30 P. M. and 7.30 P. M. as the hours of meeting, and 12 M. and 5 P. M. as the hours of adjournment.

The first hour after the opening of Synod, and the first half-hour of each daily session thereafter were occupied with devotional services according to the rules.

Rev. W. W. Moffett, D.D., District Secretary of the American Bible Society for the States of New Jersey and Delaware, was introduced to the Synod, and responded with a brief address inviting the co-operation of the members of the Synod in the work of the Bible Society.

Rev. Cornelius Schenck was appointed to deliver the special address on the evening of the second day of the session in 1891. Rev. A. D. Campbell was appointed his *secundus*, the subject to be chosen by the Speaker.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated by the Synod and the congregation unitedly, on Wednesday, at 2.30 o'clock, P. M. The service was conducted and the liturgy read by Rev. Wm. W. Knox, President of Synod. Rev. J. F. Riggs dispensed the bread, and Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D., the cup, assisted by Elders Henry Bell, C. C. Van Reypen, John Duncan and C. C. Westervelt.

Revs. Taber Knox, C. H. Jones, J. F. Riggs and Elder John Duncan were appointed a committee to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry out the decision of Synod, hereafter to hold the annual Missionary Conference in connection with the annual meetings of this Synod.

Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

Your committee recommend,

First. That the Lord's Supper be administered in the evening of the first day of the session of Synod, after the Synodical sermon is delivered.

Second. That Thursday be set apart for a Missionary Convention, the three services, morning, afternoon and evening being devoted to the consideration of the missionary work of the church.

Third. That the annual session of that day be set apart for the appointments of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and the

Woman's Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, as has heretofore been the custom at the Missionary Conferences.

Fourth. That the arrangement of the program be left to a committee consisting of the retiring President of Synod, the pastor of the church where Synod meets, and a third member to be chosen by the other two.

By the appointment of the last Synod, Rev. P. Theo. Pockman delivered a discourse on Wednesday evening, upon "The Latent Possibilities of the Local Church."

It was unanimously

Resolved, First, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Rev. P. Theo. Pockman for his excellent and forcible presentation of the subject assigned him.

Resolved Secondly, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor of this church and to his people, and also to the pastor and people of the Second Reformed Church for their hearty and generous entertainment of the members of this Synod, and also to the choir for their valuable service.

ARTICLE XVIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following having been nominated by the Classes were confirmed :

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

Rev. John W. Freund,	Elder Thomas Roe,
" Henry Ward,	" Charles H. Harris.
" William Manchee,	" J. J. Demarest.

SECUNDI.

Rev. David M. Talmage,	Elder Thomas M. Ward,
" William D. Buckalew,	" John Michel,
" Thomas Morton,	" Ernest F. Kastenhuber.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Cornelius Brett,	Elder Joel W. Brown,
" A. A. Zabriskie,	" Garret E. Winants,
" Gottlieb Andraea,	" George W. Carrigan.

SECUNDI.

Rev. William P. Bruce,	Elder James C. Lindsay,
" William D. Grant,	" T. P. Sherwood,
" John Staehli,	" James A. Williamson.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARI.

Rev. J. Henry Bertholf,	Elder William Spader.
“ William Reiley,	“ D. H. Van Mater,
“ Elias Mead,	“ J. W. Schultz.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Charles D. Buck,	Elder Charles Tindall,
“ I. P. Brokaw,	“ W.W. Thompson,
“ Cyril Spaulding,	“ Hezekiah Smith.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARI.

Rev. W. J. Leggett,	Elder John L. Merrill,
“ Carl Girtanner,	“ P. P. Van Arsdale,
“ William G. E. See,	“ Valentine Utzinger.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Frederick Koechli,	Elder Theo. L. Browe,
“ John N. Jansen,	“ Samuel O. Crane,
“ Charles H. Jones,	“ Joseph G. Ward.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARI.

Rev. M. H. Hutton,	Elder Hiram Garretson,
“ A. McWilliam,	“ John R. Sutphen.
“ Theo. Shafer,	“ Jonathan Smith.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James T. Schock,	Elder W. R. Ayres,
“ Garret Wyckoff,	“ C. H. Andrus,
“ E. T. Corwin,	“ J. V. Van Neste.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARI.

Rev. John A. Van Neste,	Elder P. G. Hopper,
“ Edward Lodewick,	“ Abr. C. Holdmin,
“ William N. Todd,	“ Herman Terhune,
“ Theodore W. Welles,	“ Peter Quackenbush.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Anson DuBois,	Elder Edwin Lydecker,
“ J. H. Whitehead,	“ Edo Kipp,
“ James Bolton,	“ Dugald McNair,
“ Peter Crispell,	“ Thomas Welling.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. A. Trimmer,	Elder H. D. Smith,
“ E. Van Hetloo,	“ John Wittie,
“ C. M. Perlee,	“ Henry Ball.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. E. Faulkner,	Elder William Snyder,
“ C. L. Clist,	“ A. Crane,
“ G. W. Labaw,	“ J. R. Berdan.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev. J. E. Crane,	Elder Theo. F. Stryker,
“ C. F. C. Suckow,	“ Daniel Bohl,
“ S. O. Lawsing,	“ David McNair.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. Hill,	Elder C. W. Auten,
“ Samuel Streng.	“ Jesse Cornell,
“ F. M. Kip,	“ A. P. Smith.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Philip M. Doolittle,	Elder John W. Gaston,
“ Edward G. Read,	“ James V. Smith,
“ George Davis,	“ David W. Dellicker.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Joel Loucks,	Elder Abram L. Hoagland,
“ W. H. DeHart,	“ D. H. Amerman,
“ George J. VanNeste,	“ Martin Rinehart.

ARTICLE XIX.

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

The following action was taken :

WHEREAS, The appointment of Delegates to the other Particular Synods has come to be a matter of form,
Resolved, That these appointments be discontinued.

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ARTICLE XX.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XXI.

ADJOURNMENT.

A cordial invitation was extended to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in the Third Reformed Church of Raritan, when it was

Resolved, That when Synod adjourns, it be to meet in the aforementioned church, on the First Tuesday in May, 1891, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, D. D. and the benediction by the President.

WM. W. KNOX, President.

WM. E. DAVIS, Vice President.

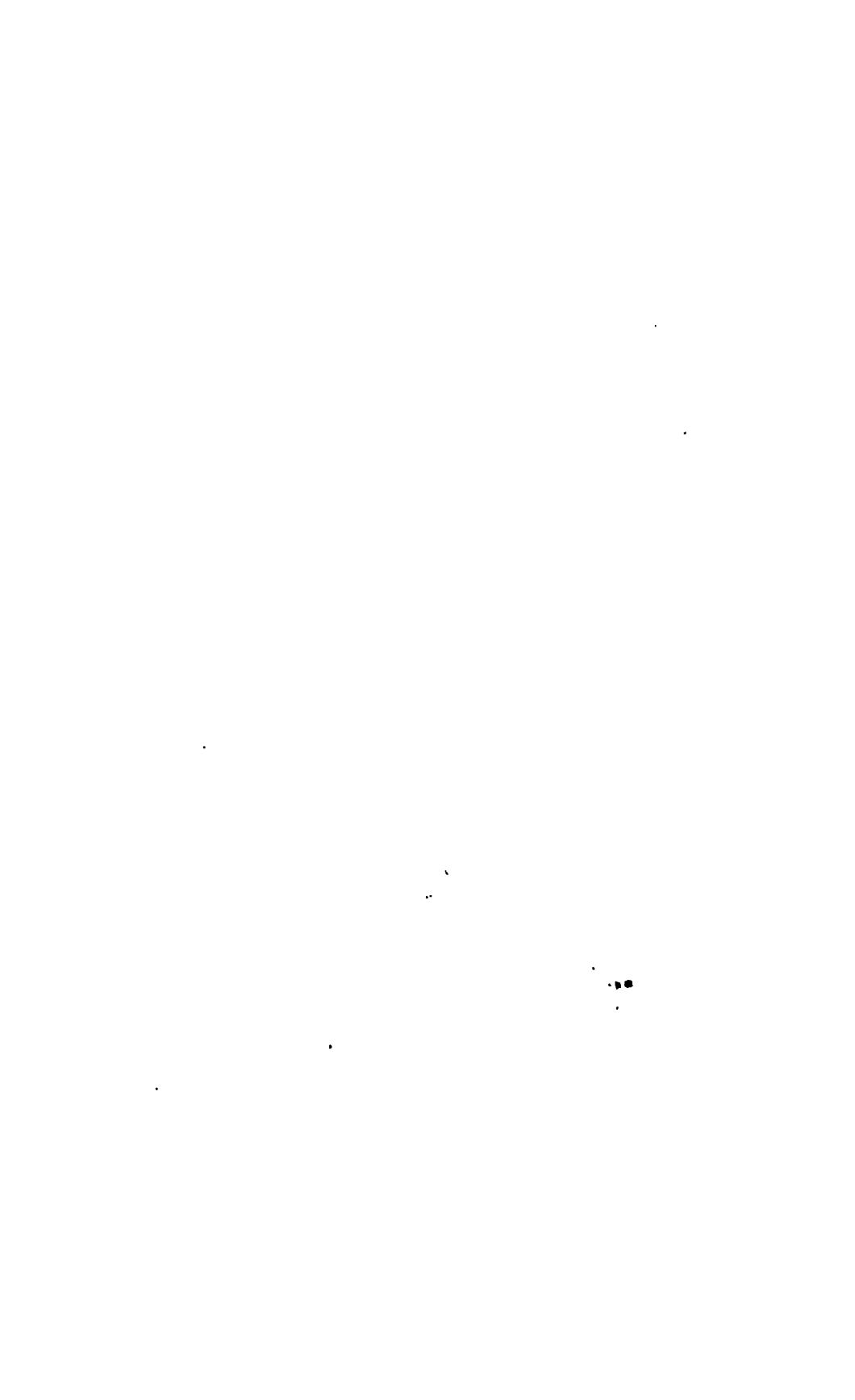
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Official Minutes.

I. P. BROKAW, Stated Clerk.

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

- 1869.—First New Brunswick, - Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
 1870.—First New Brunswick, - Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
 1871.—First VanVorst, Jersey City, Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
 1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic - Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
 1873.—Second Freehold, - Rev. John Gardner.
 1874.—Second Newark, - - Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
 1875.—Second Somerville, - Rev. George J. VanNeste.
 1876.—First Paterson, - - - Rev. William R. Duryee.
 1877.—Second New Brunswick, - Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
 1878.—Bergen, - - - Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
 1879.—First Philadelphia, - Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
 1880.—Neshanic, - - - Rev. James Le Fevre.
 1881.—Paramus, - - - Rev. Cornelius Brett.
 1882.—Millstone, - - - Rev. M. H. Hutton.
 1883.—First New Brunswick, - Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, D.D.
 1884.—Warwick, - - - Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
 1885.—First Orange, - - - Rev. Thos. C. Easton, D.D.
 1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City, - Rev. David Waters, D.D.
 1887.—Lebanon, - - - Rev. Edward G. Read.
 1888.—Belleville, - - - Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
 1889.—Second Philadelphia, - Rev. J. Preston Searle.
 1890.—First Somerville, - - Rev. Wm. W. Knox.



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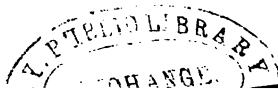
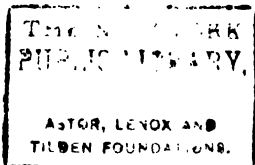
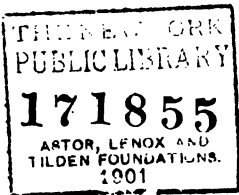
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OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session, in the Third Reformed Church of Raritan, at Raritan, N. J., on Tuesday, May 5th, 1891, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 9.45 o'clock, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. W. W. Knox, who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening, from the Scripture found in 2 Cor. 4 : 5, "Not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Minister, W. R. Gordon.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Robert K. Wick, A. A. Zabriskie, W. W. Knox. Elder, Cornelius C. Westervelt.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, Ezekiel C. Scudder, Thomas Mor-ton, I. P. Brokaw. Elder, J. S. Ripley.

Classis of Newark.—Minister, Henry Vehslage. Elders, John Duncan, Geo. W. Smillie, C. C. Hine, Jotham H. Condit.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, Theo. Shafer, Mancius H. Hut-ton, Garret Wyckoff. Elders, John R. Sutphen, V. M. W. Suydam.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, N. H. Van Arsdale, W. H. Vroom, J. R. Verbrycke.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, Clarence M. Perlee, Wm. E. Faulkner, C. L. Clist. Elder, R. Vanderbeck.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, Wm. B. Voorhees, Taber Knox, Peter H. Milliken, John Hart. Elder, Wm. A. Weart.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, E. G. Read, Geo. Davis, Wm. H. De Hart, J. Preston Searle. Elders, John Clausen, Geo. S. Van Arsdale, J. W. Stout, Wm. C. Veghte.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D. was elected President.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D. was elected Vice President.

Rev. C. M. Perlee and Taber Knox were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. C. L. Clist, C. M. Perlee, Elder, R. Van derbeck.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. W. E. Faulkner, Taber Knox, Elder John Clausen.

Sub-Committee.—Rev. W. R. Gordon, Cornelius C. Westervelt, Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, J. S. Ripley, Rev. W. W. Knox, John Duncan, Rev. E. C. Scudder, Geo. W. Smillie, Rev. Thos. Morton, C. C. Hine, Rev. H. Vehslage, Jotham H. Condit, Rev. Theo Shafer, J. W. Stout, Rev. Garret Wyckoff, V. M. W. Suydam, Rev. J. R. Verbrycke, R. Vanderbeck.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. W. W. Knox, E. G. Read, Elder John Duncan.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. W. H. Vroom, J. Preston Searle, Elder V. M. W. Suydam.

On Nominations.—Revs. M. H. Hutton, E. C. Scudder, Elder J. W. Stout.

On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. P. H. Milliken, Garret Wyckoff, Elder Jotham H. Condit.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A communication was received from Rev. J. C. VanDeventer, pastor of the church at Nyack, cordially inviting the Synod to meet with his church in 1892. The invitation was accepted.

2. A communication was received from the Board of Foreign Mis-

sions asking that Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D., be received as its representative. It was resolved that he be heard at 4 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. W. H. Vroom was accredited to Synod as the representative of the Board of Domestic Missions.

3.. An appeal by members of the Classis of Philadelphia from the action of said Classis October 14, 1890.

4. Reasons for the action of the Classis.

5. An appeal, complaint and charges against the Classis of Philadelphia. These were referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, for 1890, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, and the report was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully beg leave to report a careful examination of the Minutes of General Synod and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, New York, and Chicago referred to them.

Of the Minutes of the General Synod your attention is called,

First, to page 80, wherein is recorded a resolution that the Committee of "Particular Synods on the State of Religion be instructed to record in the 'narrative' portions of their reports any figures, facts, queries or suggestions affecting Sunday-school work and catechetical instruction, which, in their judgment, will guide General Synod's Committee in framing their report."

Second, to page 94. The Committee of Conference with the Board of Domestic Missions recommends that the Board appoint a Missionary Superintendent for each Particular Synod, when requested by the Particular Synod, in accordance with certain conditions.

Third, to page 116. This Synod is charged with "many mistakes affecting the number of communicants, Sunday-schools and scholars, and the benevolent and congregational contributions of the church," and your Committee therefore enclose the resolution, "That the Stat-

ed Clerks of all the Classes be exhorted to more carefulness in the making up of their Statistical Tables."

Fourth, to page 122. In respect to the matter of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia, the complaint to General Synod against the action of this Synod was dismissed.

Fifth, to page 139. The Committee of Systematic Beneficence, recommends that "the Particular Synods be instructed to appoint a Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence."

Your Committee therefore recommends the appointment of such a committee by this Synod.

There is nothing in the reports of other Particular Synods requiring attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. L. CLIST, Chairman.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CLASSICAL REPORTS.

Your Committee would respectfully report that it has carefully examined the same, and finds that each Classis, in tabulated statistics and written statement, presents a record of growth attained, of work accomplished, and of gifts bestowed, such as is well calculated to call forth true gratitude to the Great Head of the church.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION.

The almost uniform testimony, from the several Classes and from the individual churches comprising them is, that peace and harmony prevail; that the means of grace are faithfully used; that the sacraments are carefully observed; that the services of the sanctuary are well attended; that good works are carefully maintained.

While recognizing the fact that it is wholly impossible to tabulate the spiritual condition of churches or accurately to measure or even approximately to estimate its life and influence, we, nevertheless, do not hesitate to declare that a healthful, vigorous life is manifest.

While some have to record gracious outpourings of God's spirit and

and the bestowment of rich and abundant blessings, none has been forsaken : all have been blessed.

NUMERICAL INCREASE.

The number of churches reported is 134, a gain of 3 over last year; the number of Sabbath-schools 197, a gain of 9.

Number of families 14,086, a gain of 676.

“ Sunday-school scholars and teachers, 33,621, a gain of 3,667.

“ Additions on confession, 1,914, a gain of 307

“ “ certificate, 704, a gain of 138 } 445.

“ Communicants, 27,056, a gain of 1,287.

These statistics give evidence of aggressive work and marked growth, and yet, seeing that we measure ourselves by ourselves, may not indicate that we have done either what we could, or done a work proportionate to that of other churches. It is pleasing to note, however, that the committee's report last year, in recording the fact that “the excess of additions to the churches by confession and by certificate, over all losses, is 1,433, declares it the largest advance in the last ten years, if not in the entire history of the Synod—being 461 above the average for these years.” It is over this hitherto “largest advance” that we have advanced by our net gain over all losses by death, discipline or dismissal no less than 1,628! Believing that there are forces yet unused in the churches and possibilities yet undeveloped, in her ministry and eldership, we should renew consecration and redouble effort ever outdoing the past.

BENEFICENCE.

The columns devoted to contributions show that we have not failed in the matter of stewardship, but still maintain a somewhat high standard.

The am't contributed to Benevolent Objects in the church is.. \$74,203

“ “ other objects outside the church is... 21,101

A total of..... \$ 95,304
Amount for Congregational purposes..... 326,196

A grand total of..... \$421,500
As over against a total last year of..... 412,860

Indicating a gain of..... \$ 8,640

Our expenditures in Congregational expenses were less than the amount spent last year by \$10,295.83, while our gains in benevolent objects was \$18,937.00. And yet it is but just to acknowledge that this excess may be more than accounted for by legacies, \$20,000 being thus given, as recorded in the report of the Classis of Raritan, and credited to the First Church, Somerville. In the absence of any data as to whether last year's gifts were similarly supplemented by like legacies,

as no such record appears in last year's minutes, we forbear to make comparison or to conclude that we have no claim to being credited with an advance.

Taking the contributions as above tabulated, the

Average per member is \$ 3.52 for Beneficence.

" " 12.05 for Congregational.

" " 12.58 for both.

We submit also the following tabulated statement of the average contributions per member in each of the several Classes:

<i>Classes.</i>	<i>Benev. Objects.</i>	<i>Cong'l.</i>
Bergen,	\$2.76½	\$14.95
South Bergen	2.07	17.90
Monmouth,	1.49	9.07½
Newark,	6.21	12.62
New Brunswick,	2.85	9.00
Paramus,	2.59	15.97
Passaic,	88	9.14
Philadelphia,	1.97	9.17
Raritan,	7.30 or 1.29	7.09
General average for Synod.....	3.52	12.58

The object of your Committee in thus making comparison is simply to compare amounts and average, that we may provoke one another to love and good works and not to measure the amount of self-sacrifice which has prompted and bestowed the gift.

He who ever sits over against the treasury can alone estimate this, whether great or small, and can alone determine where commendation should be given or where condemnation should be uttered.

ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT.

The churches of our several Classes, also in their written reports, in the mention of various organizations, such as Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies, King's Daughters Circles, Y. P. S. C. E. Societies, &c., indicate a more thorough organization of their forces and greater aggressiveness in the work.

At the same time the large congregational expenditure, though less than last year, suggests cancelling of debts, erection of new church buildings, or more perfect equipment or adornment of the old. We believe that the prosperity we have noted is, in no small measure, instrumentally due to the better organization and equipment of our churches.

NECROLOGICAL NOTES.

The following brethren have received the end of their faith even the salvation of their souls, and having finished their work on earth have received their reward and entered into higher service.

In the Classis of New Brunswick the Rev. W. H. Campbell, D.D., pastor emeritus of the Suydam street church, died on Sabbath, Dec.

7th, 1890, as his congregation was gathering for the communion service, after a life full of service, at an advanced age.

In the same Classis the Rev. J. Paschal Strong died Dec. 8th, 1890, at 3 A. M., at East Millstone, having been stricken down by apoplexy while preaching the previous evening, thus suddenly closing a life of activity and usefulness to the church at large, and a very brief ministry in the church over which he had been but a month previously installed.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In concluding its report your Committee would recommend :

1. Recognizing that every good and perfect gift cometh from above that Synod record its gratitude to God for the larger life which He has imparted ; the rich blessings He has bestowed and the increased zeal which He has awakened in the churches within its bounds.

2. Being taught that wealth is a stewardship and not alone a possession, that Classes be instructed in the exercise of their episcopal functions, to see that all churches under their care support by their contributions the benevolent schemes of the church, and that the gifts of all be proportionate and systematic and free.

3. Believing that the Church is our *force*, not alone our *field*, that they be also instructed to see that their several pastors and officers more thoroughly organize these forces while they faithfully cultivate their fields.

4. Convinced that those who fail to be evangelistic soon cease to be evangelical, that Classes be urged to seek out and supply neglected portions of our home fields, where Sabbath-schools may be organized, missions maintained, or churches planted.

All of which, together with the accompanying written and statistical reports from the several Classes is

Respectfully submitted,

WM. W. KNOX, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The work of the church has gone on as usual. On comparing the present statistics with those of the preceding year, it will be seen that on the whole the churches of this Classis have gone forward.

D. M. TALMAGE, *Chairman*.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of the Churches would respectfully report :

There is every reason for encouragement in the state of the churches

of the South Classis of Bergen. While none of the congregations report a special religious interest, and the accessions to membership are by no means as large as those of last year, there is abundant evidence that the gospel has not been preached in vain.

Peculiar emphasis is laid upon the work of the Sunday-school. Every church reports a school abnormally large. The children of families not included in the church census are being taught by the members of our churches. This fact suggests an opportunity of widening the sphere of influence, and reaching through the appointed means of grace, the unchurched masses.

It must not be forgotten that the field allotted to this Classis lies within two cities whose population is rapidly increasing. Growth is to be expected from the nature of things. This is the home of the Reformed Church. The oldest settlements of the State are within our bounds. The Hollanders were on the ground a century and a half before any other churches came into our territory. All the prestige which antiquity and preoccupation can give belongs to us.

With these advantages we should expect the work to prosper and increase. It is not sufficient that we hold our own, or gather into our communion the children of Zion. If our churches fail to grow, it is a sign that we are not doing our allotted share in evangelizing the community. If our light does not find its way into homes contiguous to our churches, there is something the matter with our light.

The Classis gladly recognizes these signs of a vigorous growth: Two of our congregations have within the year dedicated new houses of worship, a third is "gathering the stuff" for their temple, a fourth has made an addition to the sanctuary to accommodate a large body of attendants, a fifth has re-decorated, within and without, an attractive edifice; still another speaks of straitened accommodations in a building enlarged within a year.

The addition of the name of the Rev. Robert K. Wick, associate pastor of the Wayne St. church, is the only change in our roll of ministers. An attempt was made to relieve the Rev. G. Andraea of the oversight of the Third Church of Bayonne, by the appointment of the Rev. John B. Kaloria as stated supply. The Rev. John B. Kaloria was, at the stated meeting of Classis last October, received on probation and permitted to officiate in the bounds of Classis, but within a few months resigned his charge. Every congregation, except that of the Third Church of Bayonne, has been supplied during the year by a *pastor* regularly installed.

The announcement from the Church of Lafayette, that their first and only pastor has accepted a call to a Professorship in Rutgers College, and is soon to leave the city, is received on the part of his associates with deep regret. The long and faithful services of Dr. Duryee, not only to his church, but as Stated Clerk to the Classis, have been

recognized by all. He is followed to his new and important field of labor, by the prayers and good wishes of his brethren.

A most delightful spirit of harmony and christian brotherhood is maintained in all of the churches of the Classis, and especially marks the relations of the churches and their pastors towards each other. A band of brethren we are, dwelling together as one family in Christ, and working in the unity of the spirit for the common weal.

The following summary is given as far as possible in the language of the original reports from the churches :

The Church of Bergen reports:—"The year has been spent in strengthening the stakes rather than lengthening the cords. The statistics show a small increase in families and membership. The church is in a prosperous condition. A fine body of young people give hope and promise for the future."

First, Bayonne, reports: "The year has been one of unprecedented growth, prosperity, and benevolence. The enlarged accommodations of the church building and Sabbath-school rooms are already becoming straitened by the increased attendance and membership. The spirit of consecration and benevolence is increased; unity within the church, and fraternity with other denominations prevails."

A printed statement accompanies the report, detailing in a very interesting form, the work of the church.

Wayne Street, Jersey City, reports: "Having recently settled an associate pastor, the church is full of hope for the future."

The Church of Bergen Point "has held its own during the year past. The spiritual condition of the church is excellent. Our young people have shown a vigorous life in the work of the Y. P. S. C. E. We own the continued blessing of God, and take courage for the future."

The Second Church of Hudson City is in a prosperous condition. The church building has been enlarged to meet the wants of a growing congregation.

Lafayette, Jersey City, reports: "The church has kept on its steady course during the past year without any marked change. The Sunday-school is prosperous, especially the infant class, which crowds unduly the space allotted to it." The separation between pastor and people is announced. The breaking of a bond that has existed for twenty-seven years is painful to all.

Greenville reports: "The past year has been one of healthy growth. Our new church was dedicated Nov. 16th, 1890. In February, the twentieth anniversary of the church was celebrated. The people gratefully acknowledge the signal goodness of God, as they compare the homeless flock of disciples two decades ago, with the strong and vigorous congregation now so securely sheltered and equipped for work."

Free, Jersey City, reports: "It has been a time of seed sowing rather than reaping. The extensive and deep interest of last year under

the Evangelists Mills and Chapman, seemed to sweep and did sweep the field in its results. There are but few of the regular church attendants who are not members of the church. There are a faithful few to whom the pastor owes much for their regular attendance and willingness to aid him."

Third, Bayonne, reports: We have had a year of changes but no progress.

South Bergen is in a healthy condition. "The present edifice is entirely inadequate to the needs of the growing congregation. Efforts are being made to erect a new house of worship on lots which have been already secured."

The First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City, reports the completion of a new church. Two thousand dollars have been paid towards the debt. The people are poor, but full of hope. Gratitude is expressed for the assistance of the Board of Domestic Missions.

St. John's German Evangelical Church, reports: "We have been blessed during the year with peace. We are growing and consolidating. We feel thankful to God our Savior for what he has done for us and through us."

Every church save one has made a contribution to the denominational work, and other benevolent objects. It is hoped that during the year this church will fall into line with collections for the Boards of the Reformed church. Six churches have fallen off, in the aggregate, of their offerings, and five have increased their contributions. It is encouraging to note that the totals of the columns show an increase of \$556 in the aggregate contributions for all benevolent operations, and an increase of \$5,263 in the contributions for congregational purposes. The aggregate contributions of the churches show an average gift from each communicant of \$20.50 for all purposes reported.

The Rev. Robert K. Wick was received from the Presbytery of Rochester, and on the 28th of Dec., 1890, was installed associate pastor of the Wayne Street church.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. William R. Duryee and the Lafayette Church of Jersey City was dissolved at this session of Classis to take effect from July 1, 1890.

Signed,

CORNELIUS BRETT,
WM. P. BRUCE,
G. D. VAN REIPEN,

Committee.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

With one exception reports have been received from all the church-

es, though two of these are confined to the bare statistics. These reports show a slight increase over last year in the family census, and by making allowance for the unreported church, an increase also in the communicants column. In the contributions for Benevolence, however, we regret to note a decrease of one-seventh. This is in part due doubtless to the fact that several of the churches have labored under serious disadvantages. Three of these are vacant. Two others have had settled pastors for only a portion of the year. But notwithstanding these drawbacks, it may be safely said that the churches, on the whole, are in a healthful, progressive condition. Sabbath services have been well attended, a spirit of hopefulness and renewed activity pervades the membership, and the various auxiliaries, old and young, are working with a vigor and efficiency that renders the future hopeful and promising.

First, Freehold. The year, though marked by no special religious interest, has been one of neither inaction nor unfruitfulness. Attendance upon public ordinances has been good. The King's Daughters and Christian Endeavor are developing a large company of the youth for active, useful work. A Ladies' Aid Society of more than 50 years' existence, has assisted materially in the finances of the year. The musical end of the church is to be congratulated over the introduction of a fine organ, which has been placed there at a cost, including alterations, of \$1,200, and entirely paid for. \$742 of this was raised during the year.

Holmdel, reports a year of blessing in many ways. No communion has passed without some coming forward and confessing their faith. Evidences of the Divine presence have been vouchsafed to the people and strengthened their hearts. The Sunday-school is growing stronger and more efficient. This church is to be commended for its contribution of \$225 to sustain one of its young members now studying for the ministry in New Brunswick. All are looking forward expectantly for the future to bring them greater showers of blessing.

Spotswood furnishes statistics only. The figures show a gratifying increase over last year in the number of families and communicants, and in the Sunday-school enrollment.

Middletown seems not a little disturbed over the Consistorial "Form" provided by Synod's Board of Publication. The complaint is, insufficient space for designating where the churches are located and for the entry of congregational contributions, (which often run up to seven figures,) adding that the Reformed church should reform this Form. Death has been at work in the congregation, sadly impairing its strength and financial ability, yet from the statistics it may be seen that in proportion to the number of families, this church as to communicants and contributions is not the least among the thousands of Judah. No interest is languishing. Peace is shedding her benediction upon pastor and people.

Second, Freehold speaks of decided improvements upon the church property. The Lecture room was removed to the rear of the church, with connecting rooms between, for the better accommodation of the Sunday-school. This with improvements on church and parsonage, have added largely to the value of the property. Prosperity attends the work of the church. Growth is reported in the Sunday-school, and largely so in the Christian Endeavor. Protracted meetings held in January and February, with a good degree of interest, were followed by several hopeful conversions. We rejoice with this church in the strength and beauty of its holy places.

Keyport.—This church became vacant in October last. The pulpit, however, has been regularly supplied by ministers from abroad and students from the Theological Seminary in New Brunswick. Prayer meetings have been well attended, the Sunday-school thoroughly equipped and maintained, and a general interest manifested in all church work. Though without a shepherd, the people are full of heart and hope, and are looking with anxious expectancy for a permanent supply. Congregational collections show improvement.

Colts Neck has been without a pastor during the year. The pulpit has been supplied by a member of the Senior class in the Seminary at New Brunswick, who will in all probability become its next pastor. Nothing is said in the report as to its condition, but judging from the figures, it has a little more than held its own, there being a slight increase in its membership.

Highlands.—No report.

Asbury Park reports a year of prosperity and encouragement. The working forces of the church have all labored with efficiency and success. Sabbath services and prayer meetings well attended. Special meetings after the week of prayer resulted in an increase of spiritual interest and activity. The Sunday-school is entitled to special mention for its liberality and its interest in the missionary work. An advance of 75 per cent. appears in the line of church benevolence, also a great improvement in finances, a debt of \$300 having been paid off during the year, leaving the church practically free. For these blessings we carry thankful hearts, and view the future with hopefulness.

The three vacant churches in the Classis are Keyport, Colts Neck, Highlands.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The pastoral relation between Rev. E. Mead and the church of Keyport was dissolved October 13th, 1890.

Rev. T. Morton and Rev. A. B. Herman have been received into the Classis during the year. The former was installed over the church at Spotswood, on October 14, 1890; the latter ordained and installed over the church at Long Branch, July 2d, 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SCUDDER, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The Committee on the State of Religion of this Classis would respectfully report as follows :

The reports from the several churches are almost without exception of an encouraging nature. Additions to the membership are notably large and in some instances candidates were received by the score. In a word the year has been characterized by large ingathering and liberal giving. We call attention to the individual reports.

Belleville.—This church reports progress in all departments. Twenty-four members were received on confession of faith, the largest number in thirty years. A debt of \$1,500 which has rested on the property for seven years is about to be liquidated. A band of christians at South Rutherford, have, at their own request, been received by the church as a mission.

First, Newark.—Comes with profound gratitude to God, and notes an addition of 100 new families, 111 new members, and the organization of a C. E. Society with a membership of 100. The means of grace are well attended, especially the prayer-meetings and the Sabbath-evening services. The societies of the church are engaged in aggressive work.

Irvington.—While the register of members shows a decrease, owing to a revision of the roll, the statistical table still reveals a fair measure of prosperity. God's blessing is recorded upon the regular use of the means of grace, leading to accession to membership, prevalence of harmony and activity in christian work, and a quickened desire to improve every opportunity for active christian service.

Second, Newark, reports solid growth, thorough organization of all the forces, care for the culture and growth of the individual, and co-operation in christian work. Work will soon begin on the new church edifice.

Franklin.—This church has been greatly blessed financially and spiritually. This is evinced by the increased benevolent and congregational offerings, by the attendance on the means of grace, by the addition to church membership, and by the growth of the Sabbath-school and the Y. P. S. C. E. A general review of the field furnishes abundant occasion for thankfulness and trust.

North, Newark, notes among other incidents of its life the following, for which gratitude is due to the great Head of the church : 81 persons were received into membership. The successful working of the Sabbath-school, the C. E. Society, the Ladies' Benevolent and Missionary Association, the Industrial School and the missions is reported.

West, Newark, reports that the services are well attended, and that the various societies are doing efficient work. The church property is being repaired and renovated, and the congregation are looking hopefully forward to next May, when the 25th anniversary of the church will be duly observed.

Clinton Avenue—This church desires to record its gratitude to God for the many tokens of His favor. Nearly 100 families have identified themselves with the congregation during the year: 112 persons have united with the church; the attendance upon Sabbath and week-day services has been larger than ever before, and the various societies of the church are all engaged in aggressive work. The contributions for benevolent purposes exceed those of any other year, amounting to \$6,574.36 for specific denominational objects.

Trinity, Newark.—In this church, while there has been no special religious interest, there has been an evident growth in the knowledge of God; unity and peace have prevailed, and attendance upon the means of grace has not diminished. The church has been weakened financially by removals, and feels the burden of taxes which the city has imposed for improvements.

Linden, though still without a settled pastor, is fairly prosperous in temporal and spiritual things. The pulpit has been regularly supplied and all the services and ordinances of the church have been duly maintained. A parsonage has been acquired and the outlook is cheering.

Christ, Woodside, offers its report with genuine thankfulness to God. Prayers have been answered in the conversion of souls; the seed sown has yielded a harvest and many have been brought into the kingdom. The saved are rapidly developing into servants and already exhibit a mature christian experience. The Y. P. S. C. E. is an effective aid.

Stone House Plains.—While their trials are not yet ended, still God has not forgotten to be gracious. He has refreshed them with His saving presence and power. Nine have made public confession of Christ and christians have been revived. An important auxiliary to the church is the Endeavor Society. A Ladies' Missionary Society has been organized.

Orange, again records the loving kindness of the Lord. The church reports an addition of 48 members; money ahead in all her treasures and the sum of \$7,448.56 as the nest egg of a building fund. In view of the Father's goodness they are led to exclaim "What hath God wrought."

Trinity, Plainfield, reports an accession of 125 new members—the largest in the history of the church; a large attendance upon the means of grace; a formation of a Junior Endeavor Society; a reduction of the church debt, and vigorous work by the different organizations.

German, Plainfield.—This church comes to Classis hopeful and confident. Eight persons made confession of their faith; the attendance at the services is increasing and a deep religious zeal is being manifested. Though the harvest gathered is not as large as they had

hoped for, they look forward prayerfully and hopefully to the coming season of ingathering.

TO SUMMARIZE:

Families reported last year, 1,902; this year, 2,194; gain of 292.
 Received on confession last year, 174; this year, 502; gain of 328.
 Received by certificate last year, 117; this year, 217; gain of 100.
 Number of communicants last year, 3,672; this year, 4,127; gain of 455.

Number Sunday-school scholars last year, 4,784; this year, 5,072; gain of 288.

Benevolence (Denom. Objects) last year, \$17,245.09; this year, \$21,290.97; gain of \$4,045.88.

Congregational purposes last year, \$56,883.62; this year, \$51,828.66; loss of \$5,054.96.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On December 29th, 1890, Rev. B. C. Miller was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan.

CORNELIUS SCHENCK,
 DAN'L H. MARTIN,
 JOHN DUNCAN.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee on the State of Religion of this Classis respectfully reports as follows:

All the churches of this Classis seem cheerful and hopeful, and the reports indicate a year of earnest work and of fair prosperity.

First Church of New Brunswick, reports a year of steady progress. Every department of the church is in vigorous, healthy condition.

Six Mile Run.—The past year has not been marked by any extraordinary events. The regular church services, prayer meetings, Sunday-schools have been maintained with interest, and the different benevolent societies have worked successfully in their respective lines.

Hillsborough, expresses hearty gratitude for a year of true prosperity, steady development and united effort. Spiritually and financially we are in a growing condition.

Middlebush.—The past year has been one of a good average, in spiritual and temporal matters.

Griggstown.—There has been nothing marked in the spiritual condition of the church during the past year. The hearts of God's people, however, have been made glad by the accession of five young people on confession of their faith.

Second, New Brunswick.—The presence of the Holy Spirit among us has been evidenced by the fact that no communion has passed without accessions by confessions of faith. The church has walked in order and harmony, and has given earnest heed to the preaching of the word, and has grown, as we hope, in grace and knowledge.

Bound Brook, has had a year of prosperity in both spiritual and temporal affairs. A blessed revival of God's work among us resulted in the conversion of souls and the quickening of his people. The church has not witnessed so great an ingathering in any year for more than a quarter of a century.

Metuchen, reports a year of more than average prosperity. There is a large increase in the benevolent contributions.

Suydam Street, New Brunswick.—We have endeavored to carry out the missionary character of this church. The year closes with a balance in the treasury. The pastor is very much aided by many who are able and willing to work.

East Millstone, has been bereaved of two pastors in one year. In June, 1890, Rev. Alex. McWilliams resigned, and in December, his successor, Rev. J. P. Strong, who had been installed in October, was suddenly stricken down in the pulpit, while preaching the word of life.

Third, New Brunswick.—This is a small German church, the children of which pass largely over into English-speaking Sabbath-schools and prefer English services. Rev. Dr. Carl Meyer faithfully ministers to the older people in the German language.

Highland Park is a new organization, on the east side of the Raritan. There are about 125 families in the neighborhood, most of whom have attended divine service heretofore, in some of the churches in New Brunswick. A lot has been purchased and the congregation expects to begin to build a church edifice during the present year. As yet they only have service on Sabbath afternoon.

The following are the Ecclesiastical Changes of the past year: On May 23d the following students were examined and licensed to preach the Gospel, viz.: Samuel M. Zwemer, Frank S. Scudder, G. Edwin Talmage, Albert B. Herman and Wm. Johnston. Mr. Zwemer was on same date dismissed to the Classis of Iowa; G. E. Talmage to the Classis of New York; F. S. Scudder to the Classis of Illinois; A. B. Herman to the Classis of Monmouth; Wm. Johnston to the Classis of Bergen. On the same date, Rev. Louis C. Andrew, who had taken a full course in the Seminary, was received by certificate from the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, upon his signing the formula; he was then dismissed to the Classis of Westchester.

On May 22d, 1890, fourteen members presented their certificates from churches in New Brunswick, to a Committee of Classis, to form a new church at Highland Park. Elders and Deacons were chosen, and these were installed on June 15th, and the organization declared complete.

On June 1st, 1890, the pastoral relation between Rev. Alex. McWilliam and the church of East Millstone was dissolved.

On Aug. 15th, the pastoral relation between Rev. Rob't V. Palmer

and the church of Griggstown was dissolved and Mr. Palmer was dismissed to the Classis of Orange.

On Sept. 19th, 1890, Rev. J. Paschal Strong was received, by letter from the Classis of Saratoga, and a call from the church of East Millstone upon Mr. Strong was approved, and he was installed on Oct. 19th. On Dec. 7th, while preaching in the evening, he was stricken down by apoplexy, in the pulpit, and died at 3 A. M. the next morning.

On Sunday, Dec. 7th, Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Campbell, pastor emeritus of the Suydam Street Church, New Brunswick, after a life full of service, and at an advanced age, peacefully died, as his congregation was gathering to the communion service.

On Jan. 13th, 1891, a call of the church of Griggstown, upon Rev. Jas. L. Southard was approved, and he was received as a member of this Classis by letter from the Classis of Saratoga. He was installed at Griggstown on Feb. 3d.

A true copy.

E. T. CORWIN,
Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The Committee on the State of Religion in presenting its report would emphasize the goodness of the Lord as manifested by his preserving care, giving occasion for hearty thanks to Almighty God that death has not claimed any one from the ministry of the Classis, and a smaller number than last year from the membership of the churches.

The impression left upon the minds of your committee, after a careful examination of the reports received from the churches, is that the past year has been one of ordinary prosperity. There have been no revivals reported by any of the churches, and no special efforts in any direction, and yet, with very few exceptions, the reports ring with the cheering voices of encouraged laborers with the Lord, facing the toils and responsibilities of the future with zeal unflagging, hope undaunted, and faith triumphant.

There is gratifying evidence of growth in the organization of a new church of thirty-two members, perfected January 23d, 1891, under circumstances that promise well for the future, at Garfield, Passaic county, New Jersey; and cause for congratulation that Ramseys, Second Lodi, and the new church at Garfield, are the only vacant churches in the Classis.

Comparing the statistics of the present year with those of last year, we find the number of families increased from 1,972 to 2,138, an increase of 166 families, augmenting the strength of the churches and manifesting their presence by an addition of 256 to the Sabbath-schools of the Classis, and 711 under catechetical instruction.

Accessions to the membership of the church number 195 by confes-

sion and 146 by certificate, an accession which is 174 more than the year's losses by death, dismission and suspension, but which gives a net gain of total in communion of only 76; sad evidence that 98 persons have been dropped from the church rolls or have mysteriously disappeared.

Twenty-seven members have been suspended, more than double the number reported last year; 25 of these were reported by the church at Wortendyke, although the report declares that "peace and harmony reign." We sincerely trust that in this wholesale work of suspension the Consistory has remembered the apostolic injunction, "If any man be overtaken in a fault you, who are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

The contributions for the year are less than they were last year, in every channel through which they flow. For Denominational work they are \$149.29 less, for other benevolent work \$249.38 less, for congregational purposes \$18,595.16 less. This is certainly to be regretted so far as it relates to the benevolent work of the church. The falling off of contributions for congregational purposes is easily accounted for by the large sums expended last year for the erection of churches. In the absence of such expenditure the benevolent contributions should increase. The Classis should certainly endeavor to hold its own. When God, by his providence, is saying to the church "Go forward," there should be no thought of retreat. If we cannot advance, we should at least, if it be possible, "Hold the fort." The great depression of business at the industrial centres within the bounds of the Classis may have occasioned the falling off we lament, although we believe that with greater energy and firmer determination it might have been avoided.

The number of churches that make no report of baptized non-communicants is so great that the column thus designated in the statistical table is a farce. The Classis of New York last year reported less than 700 baptized non-communicants; the Classis of Albany 81; the Classis of Monmouth 30; the Classes of New Brunswick and Saratoga not one. Ten churches in our own Classis report no baptized non-communicants. Statistics made up in this way are not only ridiculous but false. Your committee is persuaded that the omission of statistics in relation to the unconverted baptized members of the church would be better and more praiseworthy than their imperfect appearance, and therefore recommend the presentation of a petition to the General Synod to put an end to the publication of such incomplete statistics.

In compliance with the request of Synod we make the following digest from the report of the churches:

Acquackanonck reports that "the past year has not differed materially from previous years either as to services, methods or results."

Broadway, Paterson, designates the year "one of good prosperity, accessions at each communion, and a successful effort towards liquidating the debt of the church."

Centreville, reports a year of faithful labor, but laments the meagreness of its results.

Clarkstown rejoices in renewed prosperity attending the advent of a new pastor, and the evidence "of a more devoted effort in all the branches of church work."

Garfield presents its first report and says "the prospect is very encouraging, and that they hope for an early settlement of a pastor."

First Holland of Paterson, is encouraged by "a good attendance at the regular church services, and plain evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in blessing the preaching of God's word."

First Holland of Lodi, praises God, saying, "Blessed be the Lord, He has been with us."

First Holland of Passaic sends only the statistical table.

First Holland of Wortendyke, has enlarged its house of worship and the congregation is growing. "Peace and unity reign, and the blessings of the Lord abound."

North Passaic says "there has been the usual steady growth. The Divine Spirit has given tokens of his good work, and we are thankful for the promise of a still larger measure of blessing."

Nyack reports "all departments of church work in healthful activity."

Paramus is grateful for "an encouraging addition to its membership by confession, and an apparent interest in spiritual things on the part of others who are as yet without."

Pascack rejoices because of "quickened spirituality; and activity in church work among the young people."

Piermont reports "a year of quiet but progressive work" all along the line.

Ramapo laments because the past year "has not been spiritually prosperous. The seed has been sown but there has been no ingathering."

Ramseys is vacant and sends no report.

Ridgewood, although deprived of the use of their church building for nearly six months, declares that "the Spirit of God has come among them and still remains, manifesting His presence in the conversion of sinners and the quickening of the church."

Saddle River "has little progress to report, but has nothing especially to deplore."

Second, Lodi is vacant, and sends only the statistical table.

Second, Totowa, reports "increasing attendance upon the services of the sanctuary, perfect harmony, but no especial religious interest, although there is growth, and the material interests of the church have never before been so prosperous."

Spring Valley has cancelled the debt which has burdened the church from the beginning, and exults because this has been accomplished by the free will offerings of the people, "without resorting to fairs, or festivals, or concerts."

Tappan complains because "new centres of religious interest have more than decimated the number of families which formerly worshipped in the old church home," but hopes there is still "sufficient vitality to triumph" in the name of the Lord over its adversities.

Warwick, having dedicated a new house of worship testifies of "quiet, steady work, marked by general prosperity," adding new families to the church, and increasing the contributions for the Lord's work.

West New Hempstead is encouraged because "the Holy Spirit has quickened the dead and revived the living," and says, "taken all in all, the church is in a prosperous condition."

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The pastoral relation between the Rev. James Bolton and the Second Church of Lodi, was dissolved October 30, 1890, and Mr. Bolton dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

The Rev. M. N. Oliver was received from the Classis of Kingston, and installed at Tappan November 2d, 1890.

The Rev. Eugene Hill was received from the Classis of Philadelphia and installed at Clarkstown, December 23, 1890.

The Rev. E. Haeen was received from the Classis of Genderen, of the Christian Reformed Church of the Netherlands, and installed at Wortendyke, November 6, 1890.

All of which, with the accompanying statistical table, is respectfully submitted.

THEO. W. WELLES, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

To the Classis of Passaic: Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report as follows:

Boardville.—Apparently in a state of dissolution.

Boonton.—The seed has been sown with little outward results, only one being led to give himself to Christ. Others are seriously thinking of their souls welfare. The Sunday-school and different societies are doing a good work.

Fairfield.—No real loss in the number of families. The Sunday-school is sustained with unabated interest, and is supporting a native teacher and his wife, in India. The Y. P. S. C. E. is growing and doing an excellent work. A debt of \$600 on the parsonage has been cancelled. The Woman's Missionary Society has contributed \$36, and the Missionary Circle of little girls, \$32.

Franklin Furnace.—All departments of the church remarkably sustained. A large number of young people have been awakened and

become active members of the Society of C. E. All the religious services well attended.

Little Falls.—Quiet and steady growth. All departments of church services and work well maintained. The Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society are doing effective work. Missionary offerings largely increased, and the pastor's salary enlarged. Financial condition of the church very good.

Montville.—Statistics only.

Sixth Paterson, (Holland.)—Statistics only.

Pompton.—No report.

Pompton Plains.—Statistics only.

Ponds. A pastor has been installed. Manifest interest by many in the means of grace. Some have confessed the Saviour. Many of the young people faithfully attend Sunday-school and catechetical instruction.

Preakness.—Twelve added to the church. All the church services well sustained. Sunday-school kept going during the winter for the first time in twenty years. Ladies' Missionary Society raised \$100. Church debt of \$150 wiped out. Advance all along the line indicated for the ensuing year.

Riverside, Paterson.—Twenty-one new members received. The Sabbath-school, prayer meeting and Sunday-services well attended. About \$2,000 spent on the church building for improvements, and the church becomes on May 1st next, self-sustaining. The outlook for this church is bright.

First, Totowa.—Presents the most encouraging report it has presented for many years. Balance in the treasury instead of a deficit. \$200 paid on the church's indebtedness. Increase in regular contributions for church expenses. Sunday-school carpeted lecture room at an expense of \$220. Ladies' Association recarpeted and refurnished audience room at a cost of \$470. The Society of C. E. is active and faithful. Eight of our most loyal members have been called away by death.

Union Reformed.—No special work of grace to report. Attendance upon church service very good, also upon catechetical instructions.

Wuckoff.—During the past year nearly \$500 have been raised to pay indebtedness on shed ground, to recarpet church, and other interior improvements. The attendance upon the preaching of the gospel has been most encouraging. The Sunday-school and prayer meetings well attended.

Ministerial Changes.—The candidate, Geo. W. Furbeck, was dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

Oct. 6th, 1890, Rev. Geo. Niemeyer was received from the Classis of Holland and installed pastor of the Ponds church.

On October 21st the pastoral relation between Rev. J. A. Trimmer and Pompton church was dissolved.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion, of the Classis of Philadelphia, for the year 1890-91.

Those who are occupying the various fields embraced within the bounds of our Classis are the better qualified to judge of the promise of the future that these fields offer. It is well then, ere we take a general view of the field at large, to view the respective fields from their own standpoints. Turning to the reports given we recognize the following:

Harlingen says, "God has been with us and encouraged us in our work. While we have not had large accessions, yet, not a communion season has passed without securing, at least, one. There has been we think, more than ordinary interest manifested during the year. Our prayer meetings have been better sustained than formerly, and the Sabbath services largely attended."

Neshanic's work "remains in about the same condition as last year. We have had no special revival out-pourings of God's Spirit upon us. We find ourselves in numbers only seven ahead of last year. Our church services are always well attended; our Sunday-schools are in an apparently flourishing condition; our prayer meetings are well attended; a Y. P. S. C. E. has been organized during the past year and is promising of usefulness. We are constantly looking for fruits from our labors, and believe that God will bless His work here. We closed our sixteenth year of this pastorate on the last Sabbath of March. It has been our privilege to welcome 348 members into the communion of this church in that time—204 on confession and 144 by certificate. So we feel that God has blessed us. We still pray for a richer manifestation of His Spirit's power.

First, Philadelphia, "continues to hold forth the Word of Life to perishing souls. She throws her doors wide open to all classes and conditions of men. The year has been marked by an unvarying attendance upon the means of grace, faithful work in the Sunday-school and an effort to cancel the total church indebtedness. The Sunday-school has given earnest attention to the catechism, (First Lessons in Christian Truth), and the S. C. E. has made encouraging progress in a special plan of Bible study."

Second, Philadelphia, "has abundant reason to thank God for tokens of His continued favor. While the losses by death and removal have been heavy, the additions to the membership have been encouraging. A deeper interest in the work of the church has been manifested by many. Great good has been accomplished by the Y. P. S. C. E. The income of the church has been increased by the system of making contributions through envelopes. The Rev. Wm. H. Clark, D.D., has resigned the pastoral charge of the church, having accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Bay City, Mich."

Blawenburgh, "last June organized a C. E. S., which promises to be

of much use in many ways. We are thankful for peace, harmony, some evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit, and an earnest endeavor on the part of the people to keep the finances of the church in a sound condition, notwithstanding the depression among farming people. In benevolence we find it impossible to maintain our old standard in amounts, though proportionately we should not complain."

Stanton considers the "spiritual condition encouraging, judging by the attendance on the stated preaching of the Word, and at the prayer meetings during the week. The Y. P. S. C. E. is in a flourishing condition, and is doing a good work in developing the christian activities of the young people. The Sunday-school has been kept up during the winter although most of the teachers and scholars, residing at a considerable distance from the place of meeting, have had to surmount many obstacles in attending. Peace, harmony and a general spirit of christian activity prevail among the people. Owing to the fact that the church has been without a pastor during part of the year, and, also, that many of the people have seriously felt, and still feel, the financial pressure, produced by the general depression in the farming interests, both the congregational and the benevolent contributions show a decrease in comparison with former years."

Stanton has organized a "Y. P. S. C. E. during the year; it has thirty members, who show a deep interest in their organization and its work. The weekly meeting is held after the church prayer meeting, and thus a marked increase in the attendance of young people at the latter gathering is secured. We hope that one influence of this society will be to increase the number received into the church on confession."

Rocky Hill feels "that the Lord is among us and doth bless us in our meetings. Our religious services are very well attended. The meetings of the Y. P. S. C. E. are good and profitable. They are well kept up, and a considerable of interest is shown by its members in its welfare. Our prayer is, that the Lord in the future may bless and keep us, and enable us to come out and be separate from the world, and be known as a peculiar people of his."

Fifth, Philadelphia, recognizes that "the year just ended has been one of quiet work in the Master's cause. We have enjoyed the blessings of the gospel of peace, so that God's people have been edified, the young carefully instructed and directed to the Lamb of God, and consolations have been brought to the sick and dying. We are thankful to almighty God for His sustaining and saving grace which we have enjoyed. In His name we enter upon the new year, and trust that His presence may go with us."

Addisville rejoices in a recognized increase in christian activity, especially among the ladies of the church. The C. E. S. organized during the year is full of young life, and affords great promise for the

future. The Spirit seems to be working, in isolated cases through the congregation. We are hoping that the truths presented by the church, by precept and example, will result in many accessions to the membership of the church. We are waiting for the fulfilment of the promise, "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

Three Bridges writes, "We have no pastor, but we are having service every Sunday, with quite some interest shown. Our prayer is that God will send us a shepherd, as we find our need of a leader."

N. and S. Hampton, "with sincere gratitude acknowledges the goodness of God as experienced during another year. Though without a pastor for five months, we have enjoyed the regular means of grace during the year, and while ours has not been the joy of ingathering and increase, we are confident that the seed sown will yield returns that will make glad our hearts in His good time. We have had the usual experience of vacant churches, and our work falls below that of previous years, principally on this account. At present our outlook is promising, and with the Divine blessing upon our efforts we hope to record marked advances in the future."

Fourth, Philadelphia, realizes that "seven different organizations within the church keep pastor and people alike busy. The Sabbath services have all been well attended throughout the year, and an excellent and hopeful spirit of earnestness has prevailed. Our church has a large number of active young people connected with it, who in our several young peoples' societies are proving themselves efficient and consecrated workers in the Master's service. Never before has our Sunday-school had such a good average attendance. During the summer months the Sabbath evening services of the church were merged into the C. E. meeting. The experiment was entirely successful, the meetings commanding large audiences. Two new societies are the creation of the past year. The first is the organization of one of our young mens' societies into a chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip of the Reformed Church. The other new organization is the Junior Endeavor Society, numbering 55 boys and girls from 8 to 15 years of age. These young people have entered with zeal into their work. During the year the Guild rooms have been refitted, a choir of young people organized to assist in the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting, the church paper enlarged, and a library fund of over \$200 raised.

While these expressions from the individual churches breathe forth the spirit of hopefulness, and the Fourth church of Philadelphia has had a marked increase in her membership, yet the sad fact remains, that, viewing the churches from the statistical standpoint, we recognize many discouraging features. Six churches have received less in their communion during the year than during the previous year. Seven churches report a less membership this year than they had last. There have been 80 less received into the membership of the churches

of the Classis than were received during the previous year. The gain has been just one member.

Although the church is the fold for God's people, she is also the agency for the advancement of the kingdom, the winning of souls from the world. If a church is not an ingathering church (there being souls within her borders to be gathered in), she is not fully accomplishing the mission that her Divine head has given her. It is her Master's will that she should advance until she fills the whole earth with the reflected glory of her Lord. Advancement means conquest, ingathering. If she is not realizing this to a marked extent, she has reason to carefully and prayerfully search for the cause. Has the church the enthusiasm in her work that she should have? Has she the true, intense yearning for the salvation of souls that God intends she should have? Are ministers "watching for souls as those who must give an account?" Is personal work honored? Is the "whole counsel of God" faithfully and tenderly presented? There are many relevant questions that might be considered in this connection. But turning from these may we not find some hints in the statistical table before us?

First, let us look at the matter of discipline. Either our churches are very pure, or else discipline is something of the past. Our knowledge of the moral tone of churches assures us that there are cases that call for discipline. Is there a single church in our Classis that has not cases that are calling for severe discipline? While we make all due allowance for the need of tenderness and caution in dealing with the "tares" lest the "wheat" be injured, yet the fact remains that one "Achan" in the camp may keep Israel from victory and advancement. Have we not reason to believe that when those in the church who are disobedient to God, and false to their covenant vows are separated from the people of Israel, that the work of conquest will be resumed? Would it not be well to have a full discussion of this question on the floor of Classis?

From the matter of discipline we turn to that of religious benevolence. We find that there has been a decrease in every church of the Classis, save one. While this one presents an apparent decrease, yet in reality, there is a small increase over last year. The total of benevolence is \$1,657 less than last year. This has been explained by the "general depression among the farming community." But is this a sufficient explanation? Surely it does not apply to our city churches, and it is doubtful if it applies to our country churches. Crops were more abundant last year than the previous year, and prices have ranged higher, save for one crop, and the extra yield of this product compensates for the lower price, and, in fact, causes the lower price.

But recognizing a necessary retrenchment from the general depression, yet, surely, this should not commence in religious benevolence. It is expected that Christians should give until "they feel it." When

we consider that the average gift per member for the year is \$1.09, we cannot argue that this financial weight has been crushing.

When we look at individual churches we find that the pro rata gifts have been as follows:

First, Philadelphia, \$6.05 or \$6.60	Second, Philadelphia, \$2.68 or \$4.15
Addisville, - 2.54	Neshanic, - 1.22
Fourth, Phila., .61 or 1.00	N. & S. Hampton, 1.22
Rocky Hill, - 1.12	Fifth Phila., - .84 or 1.32
Blawenburgh, 1.43	Harlingen, - .76
Three Bridges, .38 or .86	Stanton, - - .33
Clover Hill, - .20.	

God says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, if I do not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." These tithes embrace thought, prayer, effort, means, the last no less than the former. If only "part of the price" is given how can we expect the blessing? God has a right to lay down his own conditions. If we want the blessing we must comply with the conditions. Does the pro rata table indicate that we have done this? Does the sad fact that two churches in our Classis have given absolutely nothing for Domestic Missions, assure us that the condition has been met?

The Y. P. S. C. E. feature is made very prominent in our churches. Four new societies have been organized during the year. All who refer to them are enthusiastic in their praise. Four churches make no reference to them. We infer that they have no organization of this order. Evidently this move is of God. It works in perfect harmony with the church. We have reason to expect great blessings from God through it. We cannot be too zealous in the fostering care that we afford it, nor too urgent in pressing its claims upon churches that are still without it.

May it not be possible that the religious tone of our churches could be improved by a change in the devotional service of our Classical meetings? Through the custom of the past (happily now the exception) the people have an idea, which they still cling to, although the warrant has been removed, that the "Classical sermon" is a dry doctrinal discussion intended for the learned ministry. Having this idea they fail to attend this devotional service. Owing to this they fail to receive much, if any, spiritual profit from the coming of the brethren among them. This should not be. The spiritual tone of any people should be elevated because Classis meets among them. Would not a more popular service have the effect both to call them out and to enthruse them? Could not this be secured by meeting Monday evening instead of Tuesday morning, and instead of the sermon have three practical subjects discussed, having two brethren appointed for the discussion of each? Would not such a service be more beneficial to

the brethren of the Classis also, and would they not be better prepared to return to their respective churches more filled with the Spirit, and better prepared to enthuse others?

Would not a more practical cooperation among the ministers of the Classis also tend to the numerical increase and the spiritual upbuilding of the churches? It seems to your committee that it would be well to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in each church of the Classis during the year, continuing for at least one week, conducted by the ministers of the adjacent churches of our denomination. On the part of the ministers it would be a giving and taking, in kind. On the part of the people it would be the giving of the expenses incurred by the brethren in coming, and receiving the spiritual food that God would impart through them.

Your committee has experienced a marked tardiness on the part of the brethren in sending the reports of the churches. Unwarrantably this has been the common experience of the Committee on the State of Religion. The review of the religious aspect of the churches and related features, is very important indeed. The committee should have ample time in which to study the subject, and to prepare its presentation to the Classis. The churches could easily arrange their method so as to afford them this time. If necessary, they could have an earlier date than the 1st of April, in which to meet, gather their items, and formulate their report to Classis. As it now is, if the Committee receives all of the reports before the meeting of Classis it is fortunate. Your present committee received its last report on the evening of the 13th, and the completion of two others on the 14th.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions for your consideration:

Resolved, 1st, That the churches be affectionately reminded of the importance of discipline, and the imperative need of giving it due attention.

2d, That the ministry be requested to emphasize to their people the necessity of bringing the "tithes" into the "storehouse" if they would receive the spiritual blessings divinely promised.

3d, That the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor be commended to those churches in the Classis that have not yet organized them.

4th, That a committee be appointed by the chair, to draft a proposed change in the devotional service of Classis.

5th, That the churches be requested to arrange, as far as practicable, with the neighboring ministers, to conduct for them during the present classical year, a series of evangelistic meetings, to continue at least one week.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. LAWSING,
JESSE CORNELL.

CLÁSSIS OF RARITAN.

The task that has been assigned your Committee is, in almost all particulars, an exceedingly pleasant one. The reports that have come to us from the various churches are almost all freighted with the best of tidings. In spite of the fact that this has been a year of financial depression—a depression that has been felt very severely in many of our rural communities—only a few of the reports have made mention of this as a cause of embarrassment; while a far larger number, by their record of work done, if not by actual testimony, prove that the Master has not suffered His people's efforts in behalf of His church to go unblest for this cause. Sunday-school work is particularly mentioned in some of the reports as having been unwontedly successful. The same is true of the work of the Societies of C. E. The societies already established have grown greatly, not only in number of members, but also in the increasing development of spiritual life; while in many of our churches new societies have been organized, or former Young Peoples Associations have been re-organized as C. E. Societies, which gives promise of a wide extension of their usefulness henceforth, by reason of this Society's better system of organization and work. The practical character of the faith of our churches is further seen in the increasing formation of still other organizations—Women's Missionary Societies, Helping Hand Society, Young Workers, King's Children, and Temperance Union—which have for their aim the development of the people along various lines of work which could not otherwise be performed. Our benevolent contributions for the year have been greatly swollen by two handsome legacies reported by the First church of Raritan. Aside from this, our offerings for the Lord's work seem to have remained at about the usual figure. The same thing may be said of the figures that indicate the amount raised for congregational purposes. Some columns there are in our table, however, that speak most eloquently of the success which has attended this year's toil, and they are just those columns to which we naturally look first, and in whose proportions we feel the deepest interest, viz.: those which reveal to us God's workings in the addition of souls to his church. Here we find that the past year has been a most notable one. Seldom, perhaps never before, has this Classis been called to record so widespread and powerful an interest in religious matters as it is called to-day thankfully to record. The entire year has been one of marked spiritual manifestations in many quarters. Growing prayer meetings and increased interest in them, marked the summer and autumn months in several places.

With the coming of winter these signs gave place to deep and serious inquiry, commencing in the church at Lebanon in December, spreading thence, at the opening of the week of prayer, to Readington and Third Raritan, and making itself felt with not a little power at North Branch, and in the First and Second churches of Raritan, and

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nearly all the rest of our churches, in many of which special services were maintained for some time after the close of the week of prayer. Not all of the fruits of this harvest-time have been garnered as yet, but that which the church has reaped is sufficient to afford wondrous joy in the contemplation. Three hundred and thirty-three—more than three times the usual number—have been added to the church this year on confession of faith. But no figures can express the joy and gladness that this season of refreshing has brought to scores of homes and hundreds of hearts in these communities, through the renewal of the faith of those who were earnest among God's people and the arousing of many that were slumbering, making all to realize anew the preciousness that there is in Christ the Saviour, and bringing them to a renewed consecration of their lives henceforth to His service. If we mistake not, the revival that we have this year enjoyed will prove for many in this vicinity as historic and memorable as some more widespread and generally known revivals of past days are now for some larger portions of our land. For this supreme blessing thus graciously imparted unto us by our God in answer to many earnest prayers and efforts, we would to-day return heartiest thanks, beseeching Him to continue unto us His favor until all of our churches shall be saying "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul." We append hereto the following summary of the reports from the churches:

First, Raritan.—Progress has been made in temporal affairs. The parsonage property has been enlarged and improved, while the debt upon it has been reduced to small proportions. Benevolence is somewhat increased. The Lord has shown anew His covenant faithfulness, and the church rejoices in the addition of 22 to its membership upon confession of faith, a considerable proportion of this number being young men.

Readington.—This year has been a year of ingathering. The church has never experienced a like abundant blessing in all its almost 175 years of existence. A gracious revival in June brought twenty-one, nearly all young ladies, into the church. Growing interest in prayer and christian work marked the remainder of the year. In January a second reviving was experienced. Meetings were held nightly for about nine weeks. Forty-seven, of all ages, professed Christ in February, and the work went on still until twenty-five or thirty more found Christ, who have yet to publicly confess Him. Two new prayer meetings have been organized, and also a temperance union.

Bedminster.—This church has experienced no unusual manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power, such as some other churches have enjoyed; yet its life has been characterized by a steady, onward effort to promote the interests of Christ's kingdom. The Ladies' Missionary Society has maintained an unflagging interest in its work for eighteen years. The C. E. Society has increased in numbers and influence.

A "Helping Hand" Society has recently been organized and is doing a good work in certain lines which could not be looked after by any other society in the church.

Lebanon.—This church reports the most marked spiritual manifestations that it has ever experienced. Nearly all homes have been reached. Christians have been brought nearer their Saviour, and sinners have been brought to realize their sinfulness, and seek pardon and peace in Christ. Eighty-four have been added to the church, 77 by confession and 7 by certificate. The most of these are men in mid-life, who, almost without exception, have erected family altars, and taken up the cross of public prayer. Peace and harmony everywhere prevails. Two C. E. societies have been organized. The only drawback to the year's work is that, owing to the peach failure, the church finances and benevolent operations of the church have suffered unusually.

Rockaway.—Though without a pastor for far the larger part of the year, this church has shared to some extent in the general showers of blessing falling all about it. Some of such as are being saved have been added to the church by profession of faith. There is also now an evident interest in some forms of spiritual things.

North Branch.—The year's work has been pleasant and blessed. Several men have been induced to lead in public prayer, and the most of them were recently received into the communion of the church. The number of the year's accessions is large, and encourages christians to renewed efforts for saving sinners. Peace and harmony prevail. Financial stringency has been sorely felt, yet the people have cheerfully responded to appeals for pecuniary supplies for all the Lord's work.

Second, Raritan.—The usual services have been maintained during the year, with a good attendance. The work of the church has gone forward in the ordinary channels, receiving the Divine blessing in a marked degree. A larger number have been received into communion than for several years, and the total of communicants is larger than ever before in the history of the church. Sunday-school work has flourished vigorously. A C. E. Society has taken the place of a Young People's Association, and the new features thus introduced have increased and developed the interests of the young. New carpets have been laid in the church, and new pulpit furniture and communion table procured. Death has depleted the ranks greatly, but the places are more than filled by additions.

Branchville.—Death has removed three of the best supporters of this church. Five have confessed Christ before men, all of them young. The church repair fund has been increased by \$200. Recently some needed repairs have been made to the church property, viz.: re-roofing the church and putting a new heater in its basement.

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Third Raritan.—The year past has brought many blessings, temporal and spiritual. Income has increased. Subscriptions have been secured to the amount of \$1,700 for a new pipe organ, which is now ordered and will soon be in place in the church. Benevolence has been maintained. During December marked spiritual interest developed. The meetings of the week of prayer were continued for about five weeks. Many sought and found the Saviour. One could not be in the meetings without feeling the presence of the Spirit. At the March communion 49 were received into the church. A Young People's Society that has long wrought well in the church, has become a C. E. Society with 55 active and 15 associate members, and promises much for the future.

Pottersville.—All the public services of the church have been regularly maintained, with ordinarily good attendance. The Sunday-school, Ladies' Prayer-meeting, and class of Young Workers, have all been well sustained, and among the latter the Holy Ghost has wrought effectually, leading some to salvation. Special services were held for three weeks in January, by which Christ's people were greatly quickened. Financially, this church's outlook is not bright. Its debt has not been wiped out, or even reduced, and the people's ability to reduce it has been greatly impaired by the changes of the year and hard times.

High Bridge, records abundant reason for gratitude to God in that His quickening Spirit has been received by the people, and their work has been attended with much of encouragement. Attendance on services has largely increased. The Sunday-school has developed in size and efficiency. The church and grounds have been improved, and the expense cheerfully met by the people. Benevolent operations have increased beyond anything reported in recent years, and the C. E. Society has grown from 15 to 63 members. Additions have not been large, but the outlook is favorable for the future.

Annandale.—No report.

Fourth, Raritan.—Has great reason to rejoice in the Lord for the abundant blessings He has given His work. Thirty-nine new members have been received, and a Ladies' Christian Work Society has been organized. So great a measure of success was never before known in this church.

The Ecclesiastical Changes of the year have been as follows:

The pastoral relation between Rev. W. J. Henderson and the church at Annandale has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Rev. Benj. C. Miller, Jr., was received from the Classis of Newark, and installed as pastor of the church of Rockaway.

Respectfully submitted,

B. V. D. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*



STATISTICAL TABLES.



CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.							C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	Dis- missed.	Suspended.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non- Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sub- sist. Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.			Congregational.				
														Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.						
First, Hackensack.....	Herman Vanderwart.....	162	14	8	1	1	1	324	6	3	315	2	390	\$1,628	39	\$574	05	Hackensack, N. J.			
Schraalenburg.....	George Selbert.....	80	4	3	1	1	1	126	8	...	206	181	2	181	682	45	49	05	Schraalenburg, N. J.		
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor.....	42	4	3	1	1	1	59	6	...	...	...	1	75	55	17	7	00	Ridgfield, N. J.	
New Durham.....	Isaac W. Gowen.....	120	21	6	1	1	1	236	21	3	150	2	700	901	60	316	00	2,725	Weehawken, N. J.		
First Hoboken.....	Henry Mattice.....	60	15	14	5	...	...	115	7	2	45	...	1	230	201	29	60	00	1,330	419 Park ave., Hoboken.
Park, Jersey City.....	Vacant.....	270	8	8	17	4	123	5	...	...	...	...	1	453	201	29	260	18	0,370	
North Bergen.....	John Justh.....	60	9	5	6	...	...	257	14	...	...	...	1	350	201	29	40	00	1,208	
Second Hackensack.....	Arthur Johnson.....	124	14	5	6	...	...	228	6	1	...	...	1	210	741	65	865	00	4,903	
German Ev., Hoboken.	John Rudolph.....	...	46	1	24	2	350	87	1	...	...	...	1	400	75	60	873	37	3,000	Hackensack, N. J.
Third Hackensack.....	Vacant.....	...	4	1	1	1	88	53	...	...	17	...	2	230	123	22	37	00	1,960	Hoboken.
Closter City.....	Henry Ward.....	70	4	3	1	1	120	3	...	...	80	1	125	96	32	85	75	00	1,560	Closter, N. J.
Palsades.....	Wm. D. Buckelew.....	40	4	3	1	1	90	21	...	...	30	2	96	96	00	75	00	1,060	Fort Lee, N. J.	
Guttenburg.....	William Johnston.....	23	6	1	1	1	50	18	...	...	30	2	96	96	00	75	00	1,060	Guttenburg, N. J.	
Central av., Jersey City	Charles S. Wright.....	100	12	6	1	1	160	15	2	...	250	1	170	385	123	88	34	00	3,800	877 Bowers st., Jersey City.	
Cherry Hill.....	J. F. Harris, (S. C.).....	50	12	2	1	1	162	2	...	...	70	1	135	380	132	01	14	00	1,134	Cherry Hill, N. J.
Secaucus.....	Vacant.....	50	12	2	1	1	162	2	...	...	70	1	135	380	132	01	14	00	1,134	Secaucus, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	Vacant.....	25	2	1	1	1	25	3	...	...	40	1	172	289	99	11	58	...	210	River Edge, N. J.
Westwood.....	David M. Talmage.....	65	2	5	1	1	75	3	...	...	40	1	172	289	99	11	58	...	1,983	Westwood, N. J.
St. John's, Hoboken.....	John W. French.....	60	14	30	...	...	171	145	8	...	...	1	450	...	...	...	...	...	2,308	Hoboken, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	1,456	401	97	82	2	402	2,708	406	25	321	1,093	244	881	\$5,085	81	\$2,679	281	\$41,861	34	

Other Ministers—William R. Gordon, Manhasset, Long Island; William C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland Co., Va.; William Manchee, Passaic, N. J.; J. Howard Surdam, 1406 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Isaac E. House, Nyack, N. Y.; James H. Ballagh, missionary, Yokohama, Japan. Candidates.—Carl Krause, Robert W. Blake.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census, Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.			
								Adults.	Infants.					Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.				
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brett.....	268	15	22	14	8	554	38	4	200	400	2	766	\$1,250 00	\$621 00	\$9,364 00	593 Bergen ave., J. City.		
First Bayonne.....	Wm. W. Knox.....	250	27	38	5	2	10	363	51	4	350	400	2	758	352 00	968 00	6,488 00	715 Ave. C. Bayonne, N. J.	
Wayne st., J. City.....	Paul D. VanCleaf.....	110	4	9	4	0	5	231	7	8	60	164	1	289	826 00	491 00	4,988 00	{ 288 Mercer st., J. City. 102 Mercer st., J. City.	
Bergen Point.....	James F. Riggs.....	75	7	10	6	2	129	5	2	50	100	1	190	1,000 00	200 00	3,600 00	Bergen Point, N. J.		
Second, Hudson City	E. A. Meury.....	172	19	1	2	3	482	72	3	160	400	1	624	78 00	54 00	2,013 00	14 Sherman Place, J. City.		
Lafayette.....	Wm. R. Duryee.....	100	8	1	2	5	204	12	3	150	200	1	355	1,446 00	72 00	4,677 00	New Brunswick, N. J.		
Greenville.....	Wm. P. Bruce.....	140	15	21	13	2	261	10	3	60	50	1	340	336 00	246 00	10,875 00	39 Danforth ave., J. City.		
Free, Jersey City.....	A. A. Zabriskie.....	100	2	2	6	4	194	14	25	140	282	150	1	506	100 00	120 00	1,626 00	93 Grand st., Jersey City.	
Third Bayonne.....	G. Andraea, (S. S.).....	60	10	2	6	15	2	148	20	3	25	40	1	150	145 00	111 00	5,500 00	215 Bergen ave., J. City.	
South Bergen.....	Wm. D. Grant.....	128	21	17	2	3	213	3	2	228	280	1	385	10 00	15 00	4,347 00	170 Mercer st., J. City.		
First Ger. Ev., J. City	John Staehli.....	74	17	5	186	83	20	1	309	10	309	54 00	71 00	2,000 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.	
St. John's Ger. Ev.,	G. Andraea.....	75	38	2	28	4	187	51	125	140	2	325
Total.....	Total.....	1,552	183	123	97	9	583	152	966	24	2,085	2,344	15	4,388	\$5,597 00	\$2,999 00	\$56,478 00		

Other Ministers.—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theological School, Tokio, Japan.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First Freehold.....	J. Henry Bertholf.....	106	4	3	2	...	2	232	3	1	...	...	200	2	200	\$198 80	\$ 30 00	\$1,921 71	Marlboro, Mon. Co., N. J.
Holmdel	{ W. Bailey, Emeritus. A. Hagaman, S. C. C. Spaulding, Emerit.	100	10	...	8	...	4	195	4	3	...	...	100	1	154	441 98	266 87	1,740 02	{ Freehold, Mon. Co., N. J. Holmdel, Mon. Co., N. J. 41 Elizabeth ave, Newark.
Spotswood	{ Thomas Morton..... C. D. Buck.....	87	4	1	...	4	75	3	...	...	38	...	21	1	55	...	...	725 00	{ Spotswood, Middlesex Co. Middletown, Mon. Co., N. J.
Middletown.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	87	2	8	1	...	3	88	...	1	...	...	180	1	180	127 63	23 50	3,493 28	Freehold, Mon. Co., N. J.
Second Freehold	Vacant.....	120	12	5	2	...	2	86	5	6	...	...	100	1	120	529 00	111 81	703 08	Keyport, Mon. Co., N. J.
Keyport.....	A. B. Herman.....	57	1	5	2	...	3	173	1	1	...	...	...	1	175	29 50	...	1,864 12	Long Branch Village, N. J.
Long Branch.....	Vacant.....	92	5	3	...	2	157	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	90	87 84	11 95	894 18	Colls Neck, Mon. Co., N. J.
Colls Neck.....	Vacant.....	24	...	...	...	...	...	18	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	Highlands, Mon. Co., N. J.
Highlands.....	Ezekiel C. Scudder.....	63	1	8	6	...	2	81	3	...	...	...	...	1	98	141 24	25 00	1,312 74	Asbury Park, Mon. Co., N. J.
Asbury Park.....	Total.....	717	35	36	25	...	27	1,412	21	11	38	581	11	1,122	...	\$1,612 89	\$469 13	\$13,707 77	...

Other Ministers.—Samuel Lockwood, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth Co., N. J.; Henry Boggis, Woodstock, Ulster Co., N. Y.; Edward Cornet, suspended from the ministry.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.								BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		(Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.					Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.										
Belleville	William J. Leggett.	140	24	6	3	219	19	2	274	2	274	150	156	12	527	\$ 69 32	\$3,436 42	Belleville, N. J.
First, Newark	Carlos Martyn.	*227	80	31	18	0	6	*412	11	29	.....	78	12	250	622 19	6,176 87	2,650 00	Newark, N. J.
Irrington	H. Vehslage, (S. C.)	95	21	7	6	4	.....	*159	15	3	.....	156	1	338	23 00	2,497 31	1,077 11	Irrington, N. J.
Second, Newark	And'w J. Sullivan.	175	27	18	13	1	241	15	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	62 28	3 28	11,961 43	Newark, N. J.
Franklin	William Stuart.	102	18	15	1	7	104	9	5	254	.....	.....	.....	95	62 28	3 28	11,961 43	Newark, N. J.
North, Newark	David Water.	285	73	8	24	.....	8	672	10	14	.....	45	3	964	10,583 39	842 25	1,489 00	Franklin, Essex Co.
West, Newark	Carl Giranner.	90	42	.....	4	5	290	60	2	30	.....	45	3	270	40 00	20 00	1,489 00	Newark, N. J.
Clinton ave., Newark	Daniel H. Martin.	212	48	64	14	.....	3	*492	9	12	.....	225	2	717	6,574 36	719 32	6,887 54	Newark, N. J.
Trinity, Newark	Rich'd P. Milliken.	65	13	6	4	122	8	2	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	250	111 60	.....	1,310 88	Newark, N. J.
Linden	Supplied.	36	3	5	1	59	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	112 21	.....	1,150 38	Linden, N. J.
Christ, Woodside	Charles H. Jones.	160	36	8	3	239	3	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	398	93 76	131 06	3,060 38	Newark, N. J.
Stone House Plains	William G. E. See.	45	9	.....	.....	78	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	46 30	.....	854 15	Brookdale, N. J.
Orange	George S. Bishop.	251	27	21	13	2	10	542	9	12	.....	314	1	375	1,725 96	481 55	4,008 30	East Orange, N. J.
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck.	290	66	29	11	6	.....	*901	7	40	.....	77	1	444	560 50	627 16	5,563 89	Plainfield, N. J.
German, Plainfield	Frederick Koehli.	68	8	1	1	.....	87	14	.....	14	.....	14	7	42	47 00	74 00	705 00	Plainfield, N. J.
Total		2,194	502	217	124	3,594,127	182	143	473	1,052	19	5,072	\$21,290 97	\$3,748 08	\$51,828 66			

* Revised list.

† Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; John M. Macaulay, Newark, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 344 Summer ave., Newark, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.	
																	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, New Brunswick.	P. T. Pockman	310	26	16	16	24	0	7	776	21	9	442	1	514	\$1,286 00	\$1,105 00	\$4,242 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Geo. M. S. Blauvelt	160	16	3	13	0	6	296	9	7	65	5	290	960 00	86 00	1,678 00	Franklin Park, N. J.	
Hillsborough	Theodore Shafer.	145	16	15	11	0	7	394	8	7	53	7	225	319 00	174 00	1,358 00	Millstone, N. J.	
Middlebush	James Le Fevre.	80	13	3	4	0	4	178	8	3	100	1	120	392 00	60 00	2,000 00	Middlebush, N. J.	
Griggstown.	Jas. L. Southard.	45	5	5	5	0	1	105	4	2	60	2	82	107 00	20 00	910 00	Griggstown, N. J.	
Second, N. Brunswick.	Mancius H. Hutton	167	13	15	25	0	8	412	13	2	243	2	313	1,424 00	723 00	6,330 00	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Round Brook	Jas. T. Schock.	60	23	14	1	0	3	136	7	9	1	1	123	54 00	40 00	2,360 00	Bloomington, N. J.	
Third, N. Brunswick	Carl Meyer, (S. S.).	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
East Millstone.	Vacant	65	2	0	9	0	4	129	3	1	38	1	85	40 00	148 00	1,096 00	East Millstone, N. J.	
Metuchen	Garret Wyckoff.	52	8	2	8	0	3	130	1	2	166	2	160	330 00	50 00	1,819 00	Metuchen, N. J.	
Suydam st., N. Bruns'k	Alan D. Campbell.	60	10	18	7	0	1	186	3	1	166	1	192	276 00	193 00	2,207 00	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Highland Park	Vacant.	30	7	21	1	0	27	5	75	300 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Total	Total	1,174	133	112	108	00	44	2,703	82	44	1,167	24	2,089	\$5,098 00	\$2,599 00	\$24,390 00		

* Revised list.

† Six to organize Highland Park.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, T. Sandford Doolittle, Ralph Willis, E. T. Corwitt, (S. C.) John L. See all of New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; A. F. Todd, Duellen, N. J.; Eugene S. Booth, Yokohama, Japan; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.

Candidates.—DeWitt T. Reiley, Lewiston, Pa.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.; Alex. G. Van Aken.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Census	Number of Families.	On Confession.	Rec'd.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non- Communicants.	Catechumens.		Total Enrollment.	Benefvolent.			Congregational.
												Number of Sab- bath Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Demomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		
Acquanconick	John Gaston.....	150	15	4	10	12	369	10	6	150	1	350	\$1,306 80	\$ 817 98			Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.	
B'dway, Paterson...	N. H. VanArsdale.....	100	18	13	2	2	207	2	7	100	1	230	400 94	139 20			Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Centreville	Anson Dubois.....	20	1	5	5	17	17	1	1	100	1	100	237 08				Athens, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Clarkstown	Eugene Hill.....	75	5	5	5	130	130	2	4	72	60	100	253 70	151 89			Mr. Moor, Rockland Co., N. Y.	
1st Holland, Pat'n	James Huyssoon.....	78	7	1	2	1	139	22	2	185	53	103	66 28	89 23			Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Garfield	Vacant.....	29	7	25	2	32	49	6	2	100	1	150					Garfield, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Holland, Lodi	Louis G. Jongeneel.....	42	2	1	1	1	49	6	110	30	1	70	26 33				Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.	
Holland, Passaic	C. W. Jacobs.....	213	26	24	5	3	368	40	749	288	1	404	52 56	29 62			Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Hol'd, Wortendyke	Enno R. Haan.....	112	18	7	25	1	210	13	318	132	1	152	925 00	30 00			Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.	
North, Passaic	J. H. Whitehead.....	90	25	5	24	6	280	6	280	280	1	375	300 00	250 00			Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Nyack	J. C. VanDeventer, S. C.	160	7	4	16	6	282	9	3	177	215	1	240	46 00			Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.	
Paramus	William H. Vroom.....	110	16	4	3	8	293	9	6	136	30	1	175	324 82	51 39			Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. Y.
Pascack	Edward Lodewick.....	100	8	3	3	148	148	3	4	3	150	1	150	9 51			Park Ridge, Bergen Co., N. J.	
Piermont	J. Russell Verbycke.....	63	2	6	1	134	134	3	1	36	1	104	305 07	122 83			Piermont, Rock'd Co., N. Y.	
Ramapo	William W. Letson.....	60	1	0	1	1	95	1	85	75	07	1	85				Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.	
Ramseys	Vacant.....	100	12	14	2	1	137	7	2	65	1	200	167 14	12 73			Kameys, Bergen Co., N. J.	
Ridgewood	J. A. Van Neste.....	54	1	54	1	80	80	3	3	64	30 50	1	64	6 00			Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.	
Saddle River	William N. Todd.....	65	0	3	2	0	68	5	1	0	64	1	172	6 00			Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.	
Second, Lodi	Vacant.....	180	8	4	3	4	338	14	1	300	1	550	519 19	325 71			79 Division st., Paterson, N. J.	
Second, Totowa	J. H. Duryea, P. E.	82	3	3	1	5	121	8	1	64	140	1	162	178 00	1 88		17 Temple st., Paterson, N. J.	
Spring Valley	Theo. W. Welles.....	75	1	2	5	2	100	5	3	260	37 90	3	260	76 28			Spring Valley, Rock'd Co., N. Y.	
Tappan	Cornelius E. Crispell.....	133	12	5	1	289	289	3	6	53	86	1	1,149 60	209 00			Tappan, Rockland Co., N. Y.	
Warwick	M. N. Oliver.....	47	2	2	2	1	3	1	4	22	1	128	91 48	67 22			Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.	
West New Hempst'd	Peter Crispell.....	47	2	2	2	1	3	1	4	22	1	128	91 48	67 22			Viola, Rockland Co., N. Y.	
West New Hempst'd	Thos. S. Dustinberre.....	47	2	2	2	1	3	1	4	22	1	128	91 48	67 22			Viola, Rockland Co., N. Y.	
Total.....	Total.....	2,138	195	146	81	27	59,327	175	49	2,419	26	4,504	\$6,891 70	\$2,801 17	\$62,713 47			

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, New York Observer, 37 and 38 Park Row, New York City; C. B. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIO.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.				Total numtion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.		
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.								Died.			Denomina-tional Objects.	Other Objects.
Boonton.....	Clarence M. Perlee.....	62		1	0	1	0	4	70	3	0	31	0	1	89	\$ 99 64	.....	\$1,217 73	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Fairfield.....	Wm. E. Bogardus.....	40		3	1	4	0	1	126	3	1	110	0	1	110	208 83	.....	1,987 42	Fairfield, Essex Co., N. J.
Franklin Furnace.....	Gilbert S. Garretson.....	59		8	2	6	0	3	31	1	4	175	0	1	175	66 68	\$ 6 85	639 90	Franklin Furnace, N. J.
Little Falls.....	Jacob O. Van Fleet.....	75		10	0	0	0	2	154	5	2	135	0	1	135	183 04	.....	1,613 49	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J.
Montville.....	Charles L. Clist.....	63		2	1	2	0	5	126	0	1	86	0	1	86	52 60	.....	842 90	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Sixth Holland.....	E. Vanhetloo.....	540		54	31	3	0	6	656	76	0	1,240	699	1	540	232 50	540 18	2,464 09	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Pompton Plains.....	Henry W. Teller.....	140		7	6	5	0	3	329	8	6	5	375	5	375	245 68	592 00	1,668 03	Pompton Plains, Morris Co., N. J.
Pompton.....	Vacant.....	65		6	6	3	0	3	86	7	1	40	80	2	80	7 93	.....	696 90	Pompton, Passaic Co., N. J.
Pondus.....	George Niemeyer.....	49		11	1	1	0	1	109	6	6	122	0	2	130	187 32	.....	1,187 75	23 Bank st., Paterson, N. J.
Prekness.....	George W. Labaw.....	85		15	6	5	0	1	86	0	0	1	325	0	325	51 40	14 75	2,132 16	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Riverside.....	Albert A. King (S. C.).....	130		6	6	0	0	8	290	10	2	135	1	1	235	254 13	131 85	5,363 92	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
1st Totowa.....	J. Lemoyne Danner.....	255		11	7	15	4	4	392	46	3	750	190	1	345	151 83	158 46	1,931 26	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Union Ref'd Paterson.....	Helennus E. Nies.....	76		4	0	1	0	3	101	5	0	1	121	1	121	77 00	.....	1,637 00	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.
Wyckoff.....	Wm. Earl Faulkner.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.
2d Ref'd, Little Falls (Holland).....	.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J.
Total.....	.....	1,639	138	67	45	4	42	2,556	170	25	2,143	1,655	19,274	19,274	19,274	\$1,818 58	\$1,444 00	\$23,379 76	.....

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J., Louis J. Lockwood, (?) Chent, Columbia Co., N. Y., and John A. Trimmer, New York city.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.										C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	
N. & S. Hampton.....	H. P. Craig.....	135		1	1	1	1	4	282	5	8	176		75	376	\$ 283 00	13 00	\$1,300 00 Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Harlingen.....	Francis M. Kip.....	140		5	10	11	1255	8	1	1	1			75	200	194 00	18 00	1,883 00 Harlingen, N. J.
Neshauc.....	John Hart.....	150		11	11	15	257	7	6	1	1			4	359	315 00	34 42	2,200 00 Neshauc, N. J.
First, Philadelphia.....	P. H. Milliken.....	100		2	4	5	271	5		160	1	260	1,039 00	1	260	1,039 00	150 00	3,081 00 1216 Spring Garden st., Phila.
Second, ".....	W. H. Clark.....	218		14	6	13	350	14	4	257	2	583	941 00	509 00	509 00	6,764 00	509 00	6,764 00
Fourth, ".....	Taber Knox.....	140		29	3	5	3	415	19	6	200	7	501	254 10	163 00	3,372 00	145 00	3,372 00 145 Grape st., 21st ward, Phila.
Blawenburgh.....	W. B. Voorhees, (S. C.).....	90		7	2	5	3	168	8	20	1	150	210 00	4	150	53 00		1,100 00 Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton.....	James Bolton, (P. E.).....	75		3	3	7	5	138	4	2	1	75	28 00	1	75	28 00	14 00	689 00 Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill.....	N. I. M. Bogart.....	75		3	4	3	139	1	2	63	1	82	140 00	1	82	140 00	6 00	1,000 00 Clover Hill, N. J.
Rocky Hill.....	J. E. Crane.....	87		6	4	1	245	3	4	327	1	327	295 00	40	327	295 00	117 00	1,048 00 Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth Philadelphia.....	C. F. C. Suckow.....	150		14	8	5	1	5	121	1	1	40	290	4	290	397 00		2,219 00 2223 East Susquehannah ave.,
Addisville.....	S. O. Lawsing.....	50		4	5	13	1	167	1	1	1	50	50	4	50	54 00	90 00	1,249 00 Richboro, Pa. [Phila., Pa.
Three Bridges.....	Vacant.....	70		1	5	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	115	54 00	90 00	650 00 Three Bridges, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	1,450	91	44	85	1	50	2,930	70	22	176	313,286	790	313,286	\$4,623 00	\$1,096 42	\$26,565 00	

‡ Until May 1st, 1891. * Last year's report. † Revised. ‡ 3 Union.

Other Ministers.—Abram. R. Van Nest, 208 Fifth ave., New York City; J. V. N. Talmage, Bound Brook, N. J.; C. E. Gramm; A. Stoll, Bairore, India.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.			
														Denomina- tional Objects.		Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, Raritan.....	J. Preston Searle.....	225	22	19	11	10	495	16	5	.....	200	1	350	\$18,761 00	\$2,603 00	\$17,073 00	Somerville, N. J.
Readington.....	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff.....	195	69	10	11	9	285	8	20	.....	100	4	250	313 69	56 40	1,387 94	Readington, N. J.
Bedminster.....	John L. McNair.....	105	9	7	6	1	23	4	2	.....	100	1	160	460 24	171 24	1,174 02	Bedminster, N. J.
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis.....	220	77	7	2	3	355	7	29	.....	100	4	260	112 53	10 00	1,423 26	Lebanon, N. J.
Rockaway.....	Benj. C. Miller, Jr.....	105	8	2	3	3	240	7	2	.....	.....	5	230	82 62	.....	1,000 00	White House, N. J.
North Branch.....	Philip M. Doolittle.....	113	17	16	11	13	173	9	4	.....	85	2	553	392 85	89 34	1,103 49	North Branch, N. J.
Second, Raritan.....	Edward G. Read.....	214	21	13	18	13	543	11	9	.....	200	2	553	847 81	195 47	3,871 32	Somerville, N. J.
Peapack.....	Joel Loucks.....	115	6	5	5	16	1	213	5	5	.....	1	70	106 76	25 02	1,153 95	Peapack, N. J.
Branchville.....	George Davis.....	110	5	5	16	1	3	93	5	5	.....	3	160	203 55	25 00	1,068 76	South Branch, N. J.
Third, Raritan.....	Wm. H. DeHart.....	125	53	12	19	1	339	15	13	.....	200	1	243	509 00	79 00	1,746 00	Raritan, N. J.
Pottersville.....	George J. Van Neste.....	66	2	7	3	3	117	4	1	.....	25	1	64	136 21	2 00	905 91	Pottersville, N. J.
High Bridge.....	Henry M. Voorhees.....	75	5	8	3	2	136	3	2	.....	.....	1	125	150 89	10 00	1,465 40	High Bridge, N. J.
Annandale.....	Vacant.....	62	3	2	7	1	98	1	3	.....	86	1	74	62 45	.....	1,220 27	Annandale, N. J.
Fourth, Raritan.....	Frederick Koechli, (S.S.)	60	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	3	.....	4	1	4	99 76	.....	113 04	Somerville, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	1,790	336	119	115	2	633,493	108	97	12	1,000	28	2,569	\$22,239 36	\$3,266 47	\$24,766 36	

* \$20,000 of these amounts are legacies.

† \$2,448 of this amount is a bequest.

‡ Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Henry P. Thompson, Readington, N. J.; H. P. Schnellendreusser, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Me-
stick, (S. C.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; Abram N. Wyckoff, Bedminster, N. J.; Charles H. Pool, Sec'y of Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1891.

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CLASSES.			REC'D.		BAPTIZED.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.							
Churches.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com-munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Baptized Non-Communicants.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina-tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Benevolent.	Congregational.
Classis of Bergen.	19	2	1,456	391	97	82	40	2,798	406	25	321	1,093	24	4,881	\$5,035 81	\$2,679 23		\$ 41,861 34	I. F. Harris.	
South Classis of Bergen.	12	13	1,552	183	123	97	53	3,152	366	24	2,065	2,314	15	4,988	5,507 06	2,999 10		56,486 09	Robert K. Wick.	
Classis of Monmouth.	10	11	717	85	36	95	27	1,412	181	11	38	1,061	11	1,722	1,619 86	1,669 13		13,767 77	A. Hagaman.	
Classis of Newark.	16	11	2,194	592	217	124	59	4,127	183	143	473	1,162	13	5,072	21,290 97	8,748 08		51,898 66	Henry Volzage.	
Classis of N. Brunswick.	12	20	1,174	133	112	168	59	2,703	182	44	1,072	1,107	24	2,689	6,908 00	2,599 10		24,900 00	Edward T. Corwin.	
Classis of Paterson.	24	24	2,138	195	146	81	27	3,927	175	49	2,248	2,419	26	4,504	6,891 70	2,891 17		62,713 47	J. C. VanDeventer.	
Classis of Passaic.	15	16	1,689	138	107	45	42	2,556	170	26	2,143	1,055	19	5,743	1,818 58	1,444 60		23,379 76	A. King.	
Classis of Philadelphia.	13	15	1,459	91	44	85	1	2,680	70	22	176	1,700	31	3,266	4,623 06	1,466 42		26,585 00	W. B. Voorhees.	
Classis of Philadelphia.	14	19	1,790	336	119	115	2	3,493	106	97	12	1,099	28	2,569	22,239 36	3,266 47		20,766 36	John F. Mesick.	
Total.....	124	157	5	14,110	1,914	961	762	42	437	27,068	1,580	441	7,456	11,591	197	31,254	\$71,207 31	\$21,102 59		\$321,628 36

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The following report of the Committee on Classical Minutes was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report that the Record Books of the various Classes were presented and referred to the sub-committees for examination. Their reports are as follows :

Classis of Bergen.—Report that they have examined the Record of the Classis of Bergen and find nothing more to report than that the Constitutional Questions are answered as follows :

Question 2d. Yes, 5. No, 10.

“ 3d. “ 12. “ 3.

J. R. VERBRYCKE,
R. VANDERBECK.

South Classis of Bergen.—Your Committee finds nothing on the Record requiring the attention of the Synod. The answers to the Constitutional questions are as follows :

Question 2d. Yes, 12.

“ 3d. “ 12.

A. A. ZABRISKIE, *Chairman.*

Classis of Monmouth.—Your Committee would respectfully report Minutes correctly kept. Constitutional Questions were answered as follows :

Question 2d. Yes, 8. No, 2.

“ 3d. “ 10.

WM. W. KNOX, *Chairman.*

Classis of Newark.—Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the Records of the Classis of Newark and find the same in order. The Constitutional Questions were answered in the affirmative by the following churches: Bellville, 1st Newark, North, and Orange.

Question 2d. No, 6.

THEODORE SHAFER,
JACOB W. STOUT.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of the Classis of New Brunswick and find them correctly kept. But we find ourselves prevented from making specific notes of the several responses to the Constitutional Questions and so are compelled to copy the record, which says, “These were all answered in the affirmative, with some exceptions in the churches of Bound Brook, Metuchen and Suydam street, New Brunswick.

HENRY VEHSLAGE,
J. H. CONDIT.

Classis of Paramus.—Your Committee find the Minutes properly kept. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows:

Question 2. Yes, 10. No, 10.
 “ 3. “ 22. “ 0.

REV. GARRET WYCKOFF,
 ELDER V. M. W. SUYDAM.

Classis of Passaic.—The Minutes were destroyed by fire, with the exception of those of its last meeting, which have not been presented.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Your Committee would report that the Records are kept in good order. The answer to the Constitutional Questions are as follows:

Question 2d. Yes, 8. No, 5.
 “ 3d. “ 13. “ 0.

THEODORE SHAFER, *Chairman.*

Classis of Raritan.—The following Committee would report that they have examined the Minutes of the Classis of Raritan and find them well kept. Constitutional Questions were answered as follows:

Question 2d. Yes, 10. No, 4.
 “ 3d. “ 8. “ 6.

W. B. GORDON,
 C. C. WESTERVELT.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. E. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*
 TABER KNOX,
 JOHN CLAUSON.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The following report of the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business was accepted and being considered seriatim was adopted.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business would respectfully report:

The following named papers have been placed in our hands for consideration.

I.

1st. An appeal dated Oct. 22d, 1890, signed by Wm. H. Clark and others, from action of Classis taken Oct. 14th, 1890, said action being quoted in part in the appeal, and recorded in full under Lemma 14, pp. 55 and 56 of the Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia.

2d. A certificate of the President of the Classis of Philadelphia that the foregoing was duly received by him.

3d. A certificate of the appointment of the Rev. Messrs. Milliken

and Lawsing of the Classis of Philadelphia, to defend the action appealed from before the higher judicatories of the church.

4th. Reasons for the above action of Classis as formulated by a committee and approved by Classis April 14, 1891. (See minutes of Classis p. 77.)

II.

5. A paper entitled "An Appeal, Complaint and Charges," having reference to certain acts of the Classis of Philadelphia at its session April 14, 1891.

The first four papers it will be observed have reference to action taken in Oct. 1890, and the fifth to action taken by the Classis in April, 1891.

The first four papers belong together, are in regular order and in the judgment of the Committee constitute a complete constitutional basis for the trial of the appeal by this Synod.

We therefore recommend that the Synod take up the appeal following the order prescribed in the rules of order, as follows:

1. The action appealed from shall be read.
2. The appeal and reasons for appeal shall be read.
3. The other documents shall be read.
4. The Appellant shall be heard.
5. The Commissioner of Classis shall be heard.
6. The Appellant shall be heard in reply.

In dealing with the fifth paper your Committee find the case not so clear.

1. In the first place this paper comes to us in printed form, whereas the constitution prescribes that Appeals and Complaints shall be made in writing. The fact, however, that the signatures appended are in writing might be construed as constituting the document a written one. We are not disposed therefore to press this point.

2. In the second place the document contains an appeal, a complaint, certain charges, and a petition, which latter would call for legislative action, all having a single set of signatures appended at the end. This combination of matters which differ in their nature and form, in the judgment of your committee, renders it impossible for the Synod to deal intelligently and successfully with the paper as a whole.

3. All the essential facts to be ascertained and the principles to be established by Synod's dealing with this paper as desired, in so far as it contains judicial matter, will be determined in the trial of the first appeal already provided for.

In view of these considerations, your Committee recommends, that the parties presenting this paper have leave to withdraw it in so far as it relates to judicial matters.

The petition included in this paper asks for the dissolution of the Classis as now constituted. This petition does not come from the

Classis, and does not represent a sufficient number of the churches concerned to justify any action at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. VROOM, *Chairman*.

J. P. SEARLE,

V. M. W. SUYDAM.

The President announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business, and enjoined upon the members to regard their characters as judges in a court of Jesus Christ.

The appeal was considered in the order prescribed by the constitution.

The sentence appealed from was read.

The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

All the documents in the case were read.

The appellants were heard through their representative, Rev. C. F. C. Suckow.

The Commissioner appointed by the Classis, Rev. P. H. Milliken, explained the grounds of their decision.

The representative of the appellants was heard in reply.

After certain questions were asked of Mr. Geo. F. Gordon, respecting the present condition of the funds of the Third Reformed Church, the parties withdrew, when the roll was called, and every member of the Synod was given an opportunity to express his opinion on the case.

The vote was then taken by roll call and the appeal sustained by the following vote: *Ayes*, Gordon, Zabriskie, Knox, Westervelt, Vehslage, Condit, Shafer, Hutton, Verbrycke, Perlee, Clist, Read, Clausen, Van Arsdale, Geo. S. Wick, 15. *Noes*, Morton, Brokaw, Duncan, Sutphen, Suydam, Van Arsdale N. H., Vroom, Faulkner, Davis, DeHart, Searle, Stout, Veghte, 13.

Revs. Henry Vehslage and E. G. Read and Elder G. S. Van Arsdale were appointed the committee to prepare the reasons for the decision of Synod.

They reported as follows, and their report was adopted :

Your Committee, in attempting to perform the duty devolved upon them by sustaining the appeal from the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, find themselves embarrassed by the expressed variety of influences that led to the vote as recorded. It is only fair to say that it is generally conceded that the power to disband a church is lodged in the Classis. That power, however, was not exercised until after the General Synod, by an irregular method of action, in 1889, directed the Classis to disband the Third Church of Philadelphia. The subsequent declaration of the General Synod in 1890 that such resolution of disbandment was inoperative, deserved at least as much consideration as the previous order to disband; members of this body feel-

ing that there was significance in the fact, that in every case, the appeals from the action of the Classis had been successively sustained.

Entirely aside from the merits of the case as they appear in the original contention; we believe that when General Synod had pronounced judgment in 1890, which involved its own previous action, as well as that of the Classis, instead of reaffirming the original action as was done, some way should have been found of signifying a respectful attention to the Synodical utterance and obedience thereto, even though this might have been followed by the use of such measures, as in the judgment of the Classis would have been within the scope of its constitutional prerogative, and necessary under the circumstances.

HENRY VEHSLAGE,
EDWD. G. READ,
GEORGE S. VAN ARSDALE.

Rev. J. Preston Searle offered the following resolution as a supplement to the report of the committee :

Resolved, That nothing of our action in this case, however, shall be construed as prejudicial in any way to any further action which the Classis of Philadelphia may deem necessary to be taken in the matter of the Third Church of Philadelphia.

On this the Ayes and Noes were called for and the resolution was adopted by the following vote: *Ayes*, Morton, Brokaw, Vehslage, Shafer, Hutton, Sutphen, Van Arsdale N. H., Faulkner, Milliken, Davis, DeHart, Searle, Stout, 13. *Noes*, Gordon, Verbrycke, Clist, Taber Knox, Read, Clausen, Van Arsdale G. S., 7.

Rev. Henry Vehslage was appointed Primarius and Rev. E. G. Read Secundus, to represent this Synod before the General Synod, and to defend its action in the event of an appeal therefrom.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

Rev. A. R. Thompson, D.D. appeared as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, on Wednesday afternoon and addressed the Synod in behalf of its work.

Rev. W. H. Vroom also spoke in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented no report.

ARTICLE XVI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer presented his annual report as follows :

NYACK, N. Y., May 6th, 1891.

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*, in account with
PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

1890.		DR.	
May	To balance in Treasury.....		\$246 04
Oct. 22.	—To cash for arrears of Classis of Passaic.....		30 00
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			\$276 04
1890.		CR.	
May 10.	—By cash paid I. P. Brokaw.....		\$16 08
June 6.	—“ “ “ “ printing and binding 450 copies		
	Minutes, Synod of New Brunswick.....		90 00
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			\$106 08
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			Balance in treasury..... \$169 96

Respectfully submitted,

G. VAN NOSTRAND, *Treasurer*.

It was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's report, who reported as follows :

The committee on the Treasurer's report find the account with the

Treasurer and the accompanying vouchers correct, and would recommend the usual assessment for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. MILLIKEN,

J. H. CONDIT, *Committee.*

ARTICLE XVII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod appointed 9 o'clock, A. M., 2.30 P. M. and 7.30 P. M. as the hours of meeting, and 12 M. and 5 P. M. as the hours of adjournment.

The first hour after the opening of the Synod and the first half hour of the session of Wednesday, were occupied with devotional services, according to the rules.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated by the Synod and the congregation, on Tuesday evening, after the delivery of the Synodical sermon. The service was conducted and the liturgy read by the President. Rev. Garret Wyckoff dispensed the bread and Rev. J. R. Verbrycke the cup, assisted by Elders, John Duncan, J. S. Ripley, V. M. W. Suydam and Jotham H. Condit.

Rev. Theo. Shafer was appointed Committee on Excuses.

The Committee on Nominations, through its Chairman, Rev. M. H. Hutton, recommended that Rev. Daniel H. Martin be appointed Primarius and Rev. J. Preston Searle Secundus, to deliver the address at the next meeting of Synod, and that the topic be "The Undeveloped Resources of the Church," or such other topic as he may select.

A service in the interest of Missions was held on the evening of Wednesday. Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D. presided. Rev. Cornelius Schenck delivered an address by appointment of last Synod on "The Spirit of Modern Missions," and was followed by Rev. M. H. Hutton in an address upon "The Present Spirit of Missions."

A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. C. Schenck for his able, interesting and most stirring address.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That this Synod cannot adjourn without an expression of its hearty appreciation of the cordial hospitality of which it has been the recipient during its present session. It desires to return its thanks to the Pastor and Consistory of the Third Church of Raritan, for their thoughtful arrangements for the convenience of the Synod; to the choir of the church for their aid in the service of song; to the families who have opened their homes to us; and especially to the ladies, whose bountiful provision and personal services in the chapel have made our sessions in that room so satisfying and delightful. In parting, the Synod commends all these to the favor of the great Head of the church, who has promised that "they shall in no wise lose their reward."

ARTICLE XVIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following having been nominated by the Classis were confirmed.

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

Rev. David M. Talmage,	Elder William Williams,
“ William D. Buckelew,	“ John Michel,
“ John Rudolph,	“ Hamilton V. Meeks.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry Mattice,	Elder Ernest F. Kastenhuber,
“ Andrew B. Taylor,	“ James M. Bogert,
“ Wm. R. Gordon,	“ Henry Van Nostrand.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

Rev. W. W. Knox,	Elder George Carragan,
“ W. P. Bruce,	“ Michael Schultz,
“ E. A. Meury,	“ Thorne P. Sherwood.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Cornelius Brett,	Elder Garret D. Van Reipen,
“ William R. Duryee,	“ Cornelius C. Westervelt,
“ John Staehli,	“ Christian Knerr.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARI.

Rev I. P. Brokaw,	Elder William W. Thompson,
“ Cyril Spaulding,	“ William Spader,
“ Henry Boggis,	“ William Statesir.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. Hageman,	Elder William W. Taylor,
“ J. H. Bertholf,	“ L. F. Schenck,
“ E. C. Scudder,	“ A. S. Tanner.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Cornelius Schenck,	Elder R. B. Ferris,
“ F. Koechli,	“ Jacob Simonson,
“ J. N. Jansen,	“ Joseph G. Ward.

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Rev. C. H. Jones,	Elder William H. Kirk,
“ R. P. Milliken,	“ S. S. Cueman,
“ Carlos Martyn,	“ John Duncan.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARI.

Rev. James T. Shock,	Elder Jacob R. Hardenbergh,
“ Alan D. Campbell,	“ David Murray,
“ E. T. Corwin,	“ W. R. Ayres.

SECUNDI.

Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt,	Elder C. S. Edgar,
“ Aug. F. Todd,	“ J. V. Van Nest,
“ James L. Southard,	“ Rynier Staats.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARI.

Rev. W. N. Todd,	Elder Herman Terhune,
“ T. W. Welles,	“ Peter Quackenbush,
“ Anson DuBois,	“ G. Van Nostrand,
“ J. H. Whitehead,	“ Edo Kipp.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Eugene Hill,	Elder S. P. Blauvelt,
“ James Huyssoon,	“ George Schut,
“ T. S. Dusingberre,	“ Charles E. Blauvelt,
“ C. E. Crispell.	Peter S. Van Orden.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARI.

Rev. W. E. Faulkner,	Elder R. Vanderbeck.
“ C. L. Clist,	“ M. Jacobus.
“ G. W. Labaw,	“ J. F. Day.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. E. Bogardus,	Elder S. Francisco,
“ G. Niemeyer,	“ D. H. Spear,
“ J. C. Cruikshank,	“ B. J. Crane.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARI.

Rev. H. P. Craig,	Elder Jesse Cornell,
“ F. M. Kip,	“ Alex. B. Staats,
“ John Hart,	“ Mina D. Saums,

SECUNDI.

Rev. P. H. Milliken,	Elder J. H. Richardson,
“ Taber Knox,	“ T. J. Harring,
“ W. B. Voorhees,	“ A. W. Given.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Joel Loucks,	Elder Peter Van Camp,
“ W. H. DeHart,	“ J. W. Stout,
“ George J. Van Neste,	“ Harvey S. Potter.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Henry M. Voorhees,	Elder Oliver W. Chrystie,
“ C. H. Pool,	“ George W. Stilwell,
“ J. Preston Searle,	“ William C. Veghte.

ARTICLE XIX.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned at 9.45 o'clock, Wednesday evening, to hold its next annual meeting in the Reformed church of Nyack, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1892, at 3 o'clock p. m.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. DeHart, and the benediction by the President.

N. H. VAN ARSDALE, President.

E. C. SCUDDER, Vice President.

TABER KNOX, } Clerks pro tem.
C. M. PERLEE, }

I. P. BROKAW, Stated Clerk.

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

- 1869.—First New Brunswick, - Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
 1870.—First New Brunswick, - Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
 1871.—First Van Vorst, Jersey City, Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
 1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic - Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
 1873.—Second Freehold, - - - Rev. John Gardner.
 1874.—Second Newark, - - - Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
 1875.—Second Somerville, - - Rev. George J. VanNeste.
 1876.—First Paterson, - - - Rev. William R. Duryee.
 1877.—Second New Brunswick, - Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
 1878.—Bergen, - - - - - Rev. J. Howard Suydam,
 1879.—First Philadelphia, - - Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
 1880.—Neshanic, - - - - - Rev. James Le Fevre.
 1881.—Paramus, - - - - - Rev. Cornelius Brett.
 1882.—Millstone, - - - - - Rev. M. H. Hutton.
 1883.—First New Brunswick, - Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf, D.D.
 1884.—Warwick, - - - - - Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
 1885.—First Orange, - - - - Rev. Thos. C. Easton, D.D.
 1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City, - Rev. David Waters, D.D.
 1887.—Lebanon, - - - - - Rev. Edward G. Read.
 1888.—Belleville, - - - - - Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
 1889.—Second Philadelphia, - - Rev. J. Preston Searle.
 1890.—First Somerville, - - - Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
 1891.—Third Raritan, - - - - Rev. N. H. Vanarsdale, D.D.

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OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the reformed Church of Nyack, N. Y., on Tuesday, May 3d, 1892, at three o'clock P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 9.15 P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. N. H. VanArsdale, who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening from the Scripture found in Romans 1 : 16 : "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ : for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Henry Ward, I. W. Gowen. Elders, J. Demarest, Isaac D. Bogert, C. H. Harris, C. S. Cooper.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, C. Brett, T. J. Kommers, C. L. 1st. Elder, Tunis Van Derveer.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, I. P. Brokaw, A. Hageman. Elders, C. Holmes Ellis, M. V. D. Polhemus.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Wm. Stuart, Henry Vehslage, Oscar

Gesner. Elders, J. H. Condit, G. L. Van Emburgh, Valentine zinger.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, G. M. S. Blauvelt, A. Campbell, J. L. Southard, A. P. Peeke. Elders, Chas. Van Nu Lawrence VanDerveer, Theo. Skillman.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, N. H. VanArsdale, Peter Crisp C. R. Blauvelt, J. C. Van Deventer. Elders, J. B. Pomeroy, Trum H. Baldwin.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, G. W. Labaw, W. E. Bogardus. Niemeyer, J. C. Cruikshank. Elders, J. G. Marselis, C. D. Van Ne D. H. Speer, S. Francisco.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, F. M. Kip, Oscar M. Voorhe S. O. Lawsing, C. F. C. Suckow. Elder, J. W. Opie.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, Geo. J. Van Neste, A. J. Hagem J. Preston Searle, B. V. D. Wyckoff. Elders, Jno. C. Latourette, W. A. McMurtry, Peter G. Schomp.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Henry Vehslage, D.D., was elected President.

Rev. A. P. Peeke was elected Vice President.

Revs. A. Hageman and B. V. D. Wyckoff were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.
These were read.

ACTS OF THE SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

se were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

following were appointed :

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Peter Crispell, W. E. Bogardus, J. H. Condit.

Classical Minutes.—Revs. G. W. Labaw, S. O. Lawsing, Elder Schomp.

Committee.—Rev. A. J. Hageman, J. H. Condit, Rev. Wm. Jno. C. Latourette, Rev. J. L. Southard, C. D. Van Ness, Rev. Blauvelt, Wm. A. McMurtry, Rev. G. J. Van Neste, Tunis Van der, Rev. F. M. Kip, Lawrence Van Derveer, Rev. Oscar Gesner, James Ellis, Rev. J. C. Cruikshank, Chas. Van Nuis, Rev. G. Nie, M. V. D. Polhemus.

Classical Reports.—Revs. N. H. VanArsdale, T. J. Kommers, Isaac D. Bogert.

Overtures and Official Business.—Revs. C. Brett, Henry Ward, G. L. Van Emburgh.

Nominations.—Revs. J. W. Gowen, Alan D. Campbell, Elder J. Latourette.

Treasurer's Report.—Revs. F. M. Kip, C. L. Clist, Elder C. H. S.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

An appeal from the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia at the action of the Classis of Philadelphia in disbanding said church.

2. Reasons given by the Classis of Philadelphia for its action.
3. The certificate of Rev. P. H. Milliken as the representative appointed by Classis to defend its action before Synod.
4. Certificates accrediting Rev. C. F. C. Suckow and Elder Geo. F. Gordon, as the representatives of the church.

These documents were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

5. A notification from Rev. Peter Moerdyke, Stated Clerk, that the term of the member of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary, representing this Synod has expired.

This was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of Albany and Chicago for 1891, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows, and the report was accepted and adopted :

Having examined the Minutes of General Synod your Committee calls attention to—

Page 342, What was claimed to be an appeal by the 3d Reformed Church of Philadelphia, from the action of this Synod held May 6, 1891, being "imperfect and irregular" was dismissed ; and to

Page 364, "Resolved that we reaffirm the action of the Synod of 1890, that the Particular Synods, and the several Classes composing them, be, and are hereby instructed to appoint a Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence."

Having examined also the Minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany and Chicago, your Committee finds in them nothing requiring your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER CRISPELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CLASSICAL REPORTS.

Reports have been received from all the Classes, their contents noted and their statistical tables summarized. Their footings show a gain of 3 churches, 4 ministers, 261 families, and 190 communicants ; a loss of 405 baptized non-communicants, 889 catechumens, 7 Sabbath-schools, and a reduction in the total enrollment of 1,763. The decrease in benevolent contributions for denominational objects is \$15,412.47 ; for other objects, \$2,693.79 ; for congregational purposes, \$11,883.35. This is giving the bare results of the total footings. But some of these totals are misleading, and, in justice, require explanation. For instance, last year in the total amount reported contributed for denominational benevolent objects, legacies aggregating \$20,000 were included, while this year no monies have been thus given, all the contributions having been made by the living, and in the regular channels. Therefore, barring the legacies of last year, the benevolent gifts this year for denominational objects are \$4,587.53 in excess of last year, and for all benevolent objects \$1,873.74 more.

It is manifest that the Consistorial and Classical reports are fuller and more complete one year than another, which causes the annual summaries prepared by the respective committees of this Synod to sometimes widely vary. For example, last year, the Classis of New Brunswick reported no baptized non-communicants, whereas this year it reports 109, while the Classis of Philadelphia reports this year none, which last year reported 176. Of the 137 churches represented in this Synod, only 51 make any report of baptized non-communicants, a little more than one-third, and only 79 churches, a little over one-half, report the number of catechumens.

These facts make plain three things :

1. That these columns in the statistical tables are absolutely valueless on account of their incompleteness, and should be better filled or else altogether omitted.
2. That the bulk of our churches take no pains to keep a roll of their baptized non-communicants ; whence it is fair to assume, that they attach but little if any importance to baptismal church membership.
3. That the catechetical instruction of the youth in very many of our

churches is either woefully neglected ; or, where there are catechumens and they are not reported, there is an indifference to reasonable Synodical requirements which is inexcusable. Therefore your Committee recommend the following :

1. *Resolved*, That the Classes composing this Particular Synod be urged to impress upon the pastors and consistories of the churches under their jurisdiction, the importance of keeping a separate roll of their baptized non-communicants, and that each church be careful to include in its annual report the number enrolled.

2. *Resolved*, That owing to the importance of the thorough indoctrination of the children of the church in the great truths of the Bible, it be more strenuously sought to bring them all under distinct and systematic catechetical instruction, and that all so taught be annually reported as catechumens.

In accordance with the action of the General Synod of 1890, directing Consistories, Classical Committees on the State of Religion, and the Committees of the Particular Synods on Classical Minutes to record in the narrative portion of their reports any figures, facts, queries or suggestions, affecting Sunday-school work and catechetical instruction, which in their judgment would guide General Synod's Committee in framing their report, your Committee would call especial attention to the suggestive discussion incorporated in the report of the Classis of Paramus, on the question, "Are our Churches gaining the greatest possible benefit from their Sunday-schools that can be had from them?"

Particularly noticeable in the reports is the large number of Ministerial Changes during the year, denoting an increasing instability of pastoral relationships, and an unsettledness which is to be deplored, seeing that it cannot but work more or less harm in many instances, to both churches and ministers. It is a noteworthy fact that the average length of pastorates in the Reformed church is surprisingly short. Nor is our church an exception in this respect. It is about the same, if not worse, in the larger bodies—the Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist.

The following brethren rest from their labors on earth, and have passed on and up to the higher service of heaven : June 24, 1891, the Rev. Goyn Talmage, D.D., of the Classis of Raritan ; July 2, 1891, the Rev. H. W. Teller, of the Classis of Passaic ; October 25, 1891, the Rev. Henry P. Thompson, of the Classis of Raritan ; and the Rev. John M. Macaulay, D.D., of the Classis of Newark.

We are also reminded by the death of the Rev. George Seibert, of the Classis of Paramus, since the Classical Reports were closed, that our brethren in the ministry are falling on the right hand and on the

left, accentuating the fact of our mortality, and that though the work is great, the time is short, and calling loudly to us who remain, to gird ourselves afresh for renewed diligence in the service of our divine Lord and Master.

Your Committee, in closing, would say that the tone of all the reports is cheerful and hopeful. Though the year has been unmarked by any extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit, yet to most of the churches there have been accessions sufficiently numerous to perceptibly increase the roll of communicants, despite the losses by dismission and death. Gratifying, indeed, is the uniform sentiment pervading the narratives on the State of Religion in the different churches, respecting thorough organization, faithful administration, diligent preaching and teaching of the word, increased spiritual activity, the spirit of harmony, the blessings of peace, and the joy of prosperity. All which call for our grateful praise as a Synod unto the God of all grace, and should stimulate our churches to renewed consecration and ever enlarging zeal.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. VAN ARSDALE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion, presented at the stated session at Westwood, N. J., April 12, 1892.

The work of the Lord has been carried forward in all the churches of our Classis with faithfulness and zeal. There have been no unusual signs of Divine Presence in great outpourings of the Holy Spirit, but the silent, steady, dew-like influence of the Comforter has attended the means of grace. The accessions to the church by confession number 184, while 103 have been received by certificate, two churches not reporting. It is noticeable that the collections for the year for benevolent purposes show a gain over the preceding year of \$300. The amount raised for congregational purposes is \$35,276.91.

The Sunday-school work of the Classis is very prosperous, the total membership being 4,689. If faithfully trained, this great body of young people will become a power in the church in future years.

There have been some changes in the membership of the Classis during the year. The Rev. J. Howard Suydam, D.D., was dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie, in October, to assume charge of the church at Rhinebeck, N. Y. The Rev. Geo. Seibert was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus, having accepted a call to the church of Garfield, N. J. The Rev. Wm. Johnston was dismissed to the same Classis

to become pastor of the Second Church of Lodi, N. J. The Rev. J. F. Harris was dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth, to take charge of the church at Spotswood, N. J. The Rev. W. R. Gordon, D.D., for many years a member of this Classis, was dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island, within whose bounds he has made his home. The licentiate, John Bombin, was examined by Classis and ordained to the ministry in the Third Church of Hackensack, of which he became the pastor August 25, 1891.

There are at present six vacant churches in the Classis. The church of Schraalenburgh has the Rev. Geo. H. Cotton as stated supply; and the Park Church of Jersey City has been supplied by the Rev. Walter T. Griffin. Secaucus and Guttenburg have been supplied by students from the Seminary. The number of churches remains the same, St. John's, Hoboken, having been dropped from the roll, and Oradell having been organized.

First Hackensack reports that the year has been "a most prosperous one spiritually and materially, for which we give all glory to our covenant God in Jesus Christ."

Schraalenburgh calls attention to three things. The church, a year ago crippled by divisions, is now united, and earnestly, aggressively harmonious. The old hive has swarmed, and there are two churches, where there was but one before. The roll of membership has been thoroughly revised. The interest and audiences are steadily on the increase.

English Neighborhood: "While the more desirable fruits of the gospel have been wanting, many of the young have done considerable benevolent work. A legacy of \$500 was recently paid over to the Board of Education, and another of \$3,000 will ere long be forthcoming."

New Durham: The year has been a prosperous one. There have been improvements in buildings. There is a steady growth both in church and population that promises much for the future of this church.

First, Hoboken, sends no report on account of the serious illness of its pastor.

Park Church, Jersey City, has been supplied by the Rev. Walter T. Griffin, but at the close of the year is without a pastor.

North Bergen, reports peace and harmony. The church building has been enlarged. A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized. The financial condition is good, and there is a growing Sunday-school work.

Second, Hackensack, has had a very prosperous year. Progress has

been made towards liquidation of the debt on the parsonage. Benevolent contributions have increased over the report of last year.

German Evangelical, Hoboken, has had a very successful year.

Third, Hackensack, has secured a pastor during the year.

Closter City, has had a year of temporal prosperity, and has not been without spiritual blessing. Regular and large attendance on the ordinances of God's house, increased numbers in the Sunday-school, and larger gifts for benevolence.

Palisades, has had a prosperous Sunday-school. Ten have been received on confession.

Guttenburg, has had a year of difficulty. The services are continued however, and the outlook, though dark, is not without hope.

Central Avenue, Jersey City, has many changes in membership, but the Lord has given many evidences of His gracious presence.

Cherry Hill, reports that the outlook is very hopeful. The spiritual interests have increased, as also the finances have enlarged so that all debts are paid. The largest accession of members in the history of the church, was received at the last communion.

Secaucus.—This church, long dormant, has waked up, and a church building is in process of erection.

Spring Valley, has had but two preaching services during the year. They have secured the legal title to their building through the effort of the young people.

Westwood, reports that its strength is about the same as last year. "The last \$500 of our debt has been paid during the year."

Oradell, has just been organized, and has the promise of enduring growth.

I. W. GOWEN, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

Reports have been received from all the churches. Three of these were confined to bare figures. These reports show a slight decrease in families and communicants, but this is largely due to the fact that several of these lists have been revised. More have been received into membership than last year, while, to offset this, more have been dismissed. An encouraging increase in denominational benevolence has been made.

From the reports of the pastors it is seen that the churches are in a good healthful, spiritual condition, and, almost without exception, all

have bright prospects for the future. Sabbath and prayer-meeting services have been well attended, renewed activity has been aroused, and in general, prosperity prevails. Only one church is vacant.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Revs. S. R. Cunningham, J. T. Schock, and J. F. Harris have been received into the Classis during the year. Mr. Cunningham was ordained and installed over the church at Colts Neck, on June 23, 1891; Mr. Schock installed over the church at Keyport, on Sept. 8, 1891; and Mr. Harris over the church at Spotswood, on Nov. 18, 1891, the pastoral relation between this church and the Rev. T. Morton having been dissolved June 23, 1891. Rev. H. Boggis was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster, N. Y., on the same date.

A. B. HERMAN.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Annual report of the Classis of Newark on the State of Religion in its Churches, to the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, April 12th, 1892.

Through another year conducted, God has brought us on our way, and we give thanks for his mercies. To-day we hear the question "Watchman, what of the night?"

It is a time both of refreshing and humiliation that comes to us as once each year we call a simple halt in our work to take account of ingathering from our fields of labor. It is refreshing, as we think of what God has wrought through us in the way of welcoming to church fellowship those who have made profession of Christ; and it is humiliating when we observe how far short of what we would have accomplished are the actual, apparent results of our efforts for winning souls to Christ.

We know that the statistics we may collate are not a true basis for computing either gain or loss in the matter of work in the Lord's vineyard. While nature has its law which marks the time for the springing bud and falling leaf, the germination of the seed and the time of harvest, it is not so in spiritual seed sowing and fruitage. God has all seasons for his own. We may observe times and seasons; we may watch the opportunities and manifestations, and stand ready, as reapers in God's harvest field, to gather in the sheaves of ripened grain; but whether the sheaves are many or few does not tell what has been the actual result of our ministrations. That, only He who knows the end from the beginning can determine.

But there are some things of both personal and general interest, which a glance at another year of work may disclose. We may de-

termine from our reports whether there have been special manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence with us in our activities in church work ; whether God's people have been growing in the knowledge of and likeness to Him in whom our life is hid ; whether the year has been one of spiritual prosperity, or simply maintaining our condition of the former year. Such things as these cannot be concealed. They are apparent to every observer, and help us to determine what is and has been the spiritual condition of the churches in this Classis during the ecclesiastical year just closed. To help us in this matter, let us call the report from each church to testify; and I make the call in the order the reports have come to me, and make the following abstract of their testimony.

Stone House Plains, gives nothing outside of its statistical table to aid our inquiry ; but from the number of accessions by confession we may justly infer that they have witnessed God's gracious presence and favor in His blessing on the means of grace.

Franklin, reports that "during the interval between April of last year, when a wave of refreshing swept over our church, and a considerable accession was made to our number, there has been no very perceptible increase. We are glad to report sustained interest in the work generally, and an improved attendance on the regular ordinances of the church. The financial exhibit shows vigor and efficiency all along the line, and the hope is cherished that the congregation will at an early date take rank among the self-sustained charges."

Trinity Reformed, Newark, says : "In reviewing the past year we have abundant reason to thank God and take courage. Unmistakable evidences are enjoyed that divine blessings have attended our labors. A marked growth in grace is manifested on the part of the membership of the church, and a goodly number have united with us, while others are inquiring after the way of life. The prayer-meetings are well attended and the outlook is hopeful."

The German Church of Plainfield reports : "We have not been as prosperous the past year as we expected. But we are by no means disheartened. Our services are as well attended as usual. In the Sunday-school we have had good success, and the Ladies Aid Society is faithfully at work."

Belleville remarks : "Our church has been fairly prosperous during the past year. Accessions, both by confession and certificate, have been above the average for the last *ten* years. The Sabbath services have been well sustained, and also the mid-week meetings, which have been marked by unusual *earnestness* in prayer. The mortgage on our property was paid off last May, and our finances are now in good condition."

Trinity, Plainfield, presents a very cheering report: "Thirty-four persons were received into the membership of the church, making its total now in communion 514, exclusive of a non-resident list of 63. There has been a very gratifying increase in the benevolence of the church, especially in contributions to missions and education. Without any special effort \$1,000 have been paid toward a reduction of the church debt. Following the large ingathering of the year previous, the work of the past year has been one of training and instruction, and we trust of growth in knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Second Church of Newark says: "The past year has been one of great trial, as we have been without the help and encouragement of a pastor for nine months of the year." Therefore it has little to add by way of remark. Its new church building is progressing slowly and they hope to have it completed by the coming autumn.

Linden.—From Linden we learn that "while the year past has not been marked by any great degree of prosperity, it has not been a barren year. Five members have been added to our communion from the Sunday-school. Rev. T. J. Kommers, our stated supply, left in September 1891, having done a good work. Since that time the pulpit has been supplied most of the time by Rev. I. L. Kip. Weekly meetings have been held regularly and fairly supported. The Sabbath school, the chief hope of the church, is in a flourishing condition. Peace and harmony prevail in the congregation. There is now, seemingly, a prospect of growth in the place, which gives encouragement to hope that numbers and material strength will be added to the church and give it claim to the continued sympathy and fostering care of the Classis."

Irrington declares that "with gratitude to God, we are permitted to speak of evident tokens of divine favor. Without the use of special means, but in the deepening interest and earnest attention thrown in the Sabbath and week day services, there has been a larger accession to the membership than for some years past. A vigorous Y. P. C. E. Society has been organized, and its good results are already manifest. There is a revival of interest in the missionary work, and an Auxiliary Society has been formed. The general conditions warrant a hopeful outlook."

Christ Church, Woodside, testifies that "the past year has been one of continued divine blessing. During the past few weeks prominent ministers from the city pulpits have preached to very attentive and appreciative audiences. While the ingathering has been slight, there exists at present a most excellent spiritual atmosphere in the church." Special mention is also made of the organization of a Woman's Foreign

Missionary Society, which has already accomplished effective work. This church has also contributed liberally, though not through the channels of our Boards, to the Home Mission Society, and the Zenana Mission Band.

Clinton Avenue Reformed says: "This church is grateful to God for continued favor. The past year has been one of unusual activity and development; no indebtedness hangs over us; pew rentals exceed expenses, leaving a surplus in the treasury. In spiritual matters the church has been signally blessed. The attendance at religious services is large and frequently an after service has been held at the close of the evening service to give an opportunity for seekers to confess Christ. The weekly prayer meeting is a source of spiritual power to large numbers. The Sabbath-school has grown and is graded in three departments, and in connection with Hope Chapel numbers 735 scholars and teachers. All the various organizations of church work are active. The missionary societies have raised larger amounts than usual. A spirit of love and harmony prevails. The power of God has been poured out in a blessed revival, which is now going on. God's people have been quickened and the impenitent converted.

First Reformed, Newark, reports "progress in all its departments of work. Additions have marked and solemnized each communion. The Sunday services largely attended; prayer meeting continues to average over 200 attendants of all ages. The two Sunday-schools have prospered spiritually and numerically. The aggregate church benevolence has increased. A new organ has been placed in the choir loft, and the census of families shows a gratifying addition to that list."

First Reformed, Orange, brings testimony of the Lord's graciousness during the year; its meetings well sustained; its contributions generous. Over all else, more than \$2,000 have been added to the fund for the enlargement of the church, which has now reached nearly the sum of \$10,000. Since the beginning of the year a morning prayer meeting has been attended at a quarter to 7 o'clock, with excellent results. Twenty, during that period, have been added to the church, for which we praise the Lord.

German Reformed, Newark, reports its congregation to be "prosperous and hopeful in every regard. The spiritual life of our members is encouraging. They are united in love and peace. Our services and both our Sunday and parochial schools are attended very well, and our societies are working earnestly for the welfare of our church. Our financial condition and prospects are better than ever before." The details of organized efforts in this church indicate earnest and united activity in the line of church advancement and growth, and commends

this struggling church to the warmest sympathies and financial helpfulness of the churches in the Classis.

North Reformed, Newark, says : " In closing our report it is proper to say that there is not a little for which there is good reason to thank God and take courage. All the departments of the work of the church have been carried on in a spirit of earnest, believing prayer and faithful performance of duty." The report from this church is very interesting, and shows that there is evidence of thorough organization for systematic work in this church, which deserves a fuller notice in this report, but as it only came to hand at the meeting this morning, justice cannot be given to it by a suitable abstract.

A careful scrutiny of the foregoing reports warrants the statement that all of the churches in this Classis are in a prosperous condition, both financially and spiritually. Each speaks of growth in grace and christian activity in its membership. Only one, Clinton avenue, testifies of special refreshing in a revival which is still in progress. Accessions have been received by each church showing a small gain over losses by death and dismissions. In the matter of benevolence there is a small diminution of gifts when compared with last year. This year the amount contributed for denominational objects is \$20,438.93, being \$852.04 less than last year. In averaging the percentage of gifts per member for all denominational objects this year, the amounts seem lower than we would wish to record. Taking the contributions for denominational objects in seven of our churches giving the largest amounts, we find only two that seem to present a fair average of benevolence, viz, Clinton avenue and North Newark. The average per member in these churches for all denominational objects is as follows: Clinton Avenue, \$10.30; Plainfield, \$1.84; 2d Newark, \$2.33; 1st Newark, \$1.55; Belleville, \$2.57; Orange, \$3.58, and North Newark, \$15.29. It is, however, due to 1st Newark, Christ Reformed, Clinton Avenue, Orange, Plainfield, and North Newark, to state that these churches have also contributed liberally to other objects of benevolence. Owing to the fact that all the churches have not given the items in their reports, the amount contributed for each denominational object cannot be stated.

When we compare the statistics of additions to our membership we would fain not declare the result if we were not looking for the given apparent results. The accessions this year by confession and certificate are 401, last year they were 719; being 318 less. This year the gain to membership after deducting dismissions and deaths is 120; last year it was 536. Deaths this year were 76, last year they were 59, showing an excess over last year of 17. But we may remember for our comfort

and cheer after these findings, that some years there is more of reaping from our sowing, because God permits it so to be to stimulate our faith and excite our zeal to more earnest efforts and importunate prayer.

In concluding our report we state with gratification that we have added a new church to our roll, in the new organization at Avondale, N. J.

The Ecclesiastical Changes are the following: Rev. A. J. Sullivan, D.D., has been dismissed to the Presbytery of New York, the pastoral relation between him and the 2d church having been dissolved. The same relation between Rev. W. G. E. See and the church of Stone House Plains has also been dissolved, and the Rev. John M. Macaulay, D.D., has been removed by death.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. JANSEN.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

To the accompanying Statistical Report we append the following remarks, extracted from the several reports:

Bergen Reformed Church.—A year of prosperity. All pews on ground floor and part of the gallery rented. Sunday-school thronged with children. Christian Endeavor Society and King's Daughters Circles a prominent feature in the work.

First Reformed, Bayonne.—A year of largest prosperity in temporal and spiritual things the church has ever reported. Contributions to the Boards of the church nearly doubled, and miscellaneous contributions in benevolence greatly increased. The Christian Endeavor Society flourishing, and eight King's Daughters Circles doing a grand work among the poor.

Wayne Street.—Church work in the various departments has been carried on with satisfaction and profit. Weekly prayer-meetings and Sabbath services have been well attended. Sabbath-school scholars have manifested a lively interest in the instruction they have received. The church building has been renovated. Under the associate pastor and his helpers a Junior Endeavor Society has been started, numbering about 100 members. Five Circles of King's Daughters have been busy throughout the year in benevolent work. Amidst many difficulties the church has reason for great thankfulness.

Bergen Point.—Though suffering from the deaths of prominent and active members and the removal of others from the community, the church maintains vigorous life and shows a spirit of large benevolence.

Second Reformed, Hudson City.—Looks to God with gratitude, who

has given them a year of prosperity. Debt has been reduced by \$2,200. They have suffered largely by death.

Lafayette Reformed Church.—Under the pastorate of Rev. T. J. Kommers, who entered upon his work in September last, the church rejoices in the bountiful mercies which continue to mark her course, though not recording exceptional blessings. All departments of the work are in a promising condition. A promising Society of Christian Endeavor was organized in October, numbering 89 members.

Greenville.—We are enjoying an era of peace and prosperity, though under financial pressure. The Sabbath-school has been largely increased and unusually active. The Missionary Society deserves special notice for valuable aid in raising the church quota. A Junior Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized.

Free Church, Jersey City.—Rejoices in having secured a pastor in Rev. Charles L. Clist, and is rapidly becoming strong both in members and finances, and hopes soon to "walk alone."

Third Reformed, Bayonne.—Still without a pastor, though supplied at one service by Rev. G. Andraea. Has raised \$1,000 for congregational purposes.

South Bergen, has enjoyed a fair and steady increase in church membership and services, and is hoping, within the year, to be enjoying a new church home. The church is in a healthful condition materially and spiritually.

First German Evangelical, Jersey City.—Reports having suffered through the resignation of their pastor, but rejoices in having selected his successor in Mr. M. Miller in whom they have great faith and regard.

St. John's German.—Reports nothing worthy of note in church life or labors.

Ministerial Changes.—During the year the following ministerial changes occurred: The Rev. A. A. Zabriskie pastor of the Free Reformed Church, Jersey City, was dismissed to the North Classis of Long Island. The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. John Staehli and the First German Evangelical Church of Jersey, on request of pastor and people was dissolved. The Rev. T. J. Kommers was received from the Classis of New York and installed pastor of the church of Lafayette. The Rev. C. L. Clist was received from the Classis of Passaic and installed pastor of the Free Reformed Church, Jersey City.

WM. D. GRANT,

WM. W. KNOX,

GEO. CARRIGAN.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion, begs leave to report that it has examined carefully the various reports sent up by the churches and find the following items worthy of notice.

The churches are ably manned and judiciously managed. There seems to be no lack of spirit in caring for the things that are "their own." In material things prosperity prevails. In spiritual things life seems to be quiescent. No revivals are spoken of and the average number received on confession of faith is considerably below that of the last few years. The youngest church has done the best. While this is true we are glad that we cannot detect any complaints or roots of bitterness in the congregations. Peace prevails throughout our borders, and the people have not forsaken the house of God. Good attendance upon stated services are spoken of, and a good interest is maintained in Sabbath-schools and weekly meetings for prayer. The benevolence of the churches is quite up to the average of other years. Only three churches report the number of baptized non-communicants, only one-half of the churches report the number of ther catechumens.

First New Brunswick makes mention of continued harmony and prosperity. The gates of the sanctuary have not been closed during the year. Two handsome memorial windows have been placed in the edifice in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Letson and Mr. Ira C. Voorhees. The organization has just completed 175 years of service for the Master.

Six Mile Run notes an even activity during the year, with a decided increase in the gifts of the church to Foreign Missions.

Hillsborough says, "Our aim has been to raise the standard of christian living, promote true spirituality, and reveal the character of Jesus Christ. The people seem interested in every good enterprise and perform their appointed tasks cheerfully and well." We note that only 2-5 of her benevolent offerings are made to denominational objects, while 3-5 go to other objects. We are confident that this indicates no lack of loyalty to our church, but, at the same time, would suggest that this proportion be reversed.

Middlebush declares, that "nothing unusual has marked the year. An encouraging interest is manifested in all departments of church work. We have continual evidence that the Lord's favor is with us." Special mention is made of a well sustained prayer-meeting by the young people, and that harmony prevails in the congregation.

Griggstown, speaks of interest in spiritual things, of an advance in benevolent contributions, and of improvements in the house of worship in progress. A healthy condition in Sabbath-school work and in the

Christian Endeavor Society are noted ; as also, a hopefulness for the future.

Second, New Bruuswick.—The wonted harmony has prevailed and no communion has passed without additions. The Sunday-schools have flourished. The benevolence of the church shows a gratifying increase over last year. The contributions for congregational purposes are swelled by extra subscriptions for the thorough repair of the exterior of the church edifice. A fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit is desired.

Bound Brook is in a healthy state. Regular services have been maintained, and the interest in all services has increased. Rev. J. B. Cleaver has been the stated supply for 8 months.

Third, New Brunswick, sends only a partial statistical report. Dr. Carl Meyer is the stated supply and the preaching is in German. The Sunday-school is under the care of the Second Church.

East Millstone was without a settled pastor during the first half of the year. The new pastor, Rev. A. Paige Peeke, began his labors Oct. 1, 1891. Since then some improvement has been noticeable in attendance and interest in the prayer meeting and preaching services. A new interest has been awakened in church improvement, and through the helpfulness of the ladies and the generous offer of one gentleman of the congregation, they have already taken steps to build an extension to their church edifice, to be used for Sabbath-school, religious and social gatherings. Relying upon the Holy Spirit to increase their numbers and to prosper Zion in every way, this church petitions Classis to pray for them.

Metuchen, asserts herself in a cheerful, hopeful way. The gospel has been preached in faithfulness and love. The sacraments have been regularly administered. The prayer-meetings well sustained. All the organizations are in a good, healthy condition. The spirit of benevolence and systematic presentation of gifts is hopeful. The church property has been improved. The treasury holds a balance. Additions to the membership have been made. Altogether Metuchen is in a very vigorous state.

Suydam Street, New Brunswick, gratefully acknowledges the unanimous and hearty co-operation of the whole congregation in all church work and in stimulating spiritual life. At each communion there have been accessions to the church. They deemed it wise to observe Lent, by turning the regular Tuesday evening service into a special service. With the assistance of other clergymen these were made very helpful and will be repeated next year. The pews in the church have been

ushioned, and a lot secured on which, in time, a parsonage will be built. This young church is doing admirably.

Highland Park, reports a good field for her activities. There is not as great enthusiasm for the upbuilding of a church as could be desired. The Sunday-school, up to this time a union school, will probably soon be under the care of the church. They own a lot and hope soon to have a building suited to the necessities of worship.

P. THEO. POCKMAN, *Chairman*.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The following are the ecclesiastical changes during the past year : On May 22, 1891, the following students were examined and licensed to preach the gospel, viz., Lewis B. Chamberlain, John Van Westenberg, Samuel R. Cunningham, Ferdinand S. Wilson, Stephen DuBois Demorest, Martin Ossewaarde. Mr. Chamberlain was also examined for ordination. On the same date, certificates of dismission were given as follows : Mr. Van Westenberg to the Classis of Rochester ; Mr. Cunningham to the Classis of Monmouth ; Mr. Wilson to the Classis of Passaic ; Mr. Ossewaarde to the Classis of New York. On June 14th, Mr. Chamberlain was solemnly ordained to the gospel ministry, and dismissed to the Classis of Arcot, India. On Sep. 7, 1891, the pastoral relation between the church of Bound Brook and Rev. Jas. T. Schock was dissolved, and Mr. Schock dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth. On Oct. 20th, 1891, Rev. A. P. Peeke was received by certificate from the Classis of Michigan, and a call was approved, which was made to him by the church of East Millstone, over which he was installed on Nov. 8th. A call was approved on Oct. 20th, 1891, from the church of Highland Park, upon Rev. J. B. Thompson. He was received by letter from the Presbytery of New Brunswick on April 19th, 1892, and was installed over the church of Highland Park, on May 1st, 1892.

A true copy.

E. T. CORWIN, *Stated Clerk*.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

There have been placed into the hands of your Committee the consistorial reports of all the churches of the Classis of Paramus, with the exception of Ramseys.

We will permit the reports to speak somewhat condensedly for themselves :

The *Church of Acquackanonck* says, " we have nothing of especial interest to report to Classis." Your Committee, however, thinks that

when a ministerial career has been marked by invariable usefulness and success, with the ordinances regularly dispensed, with the religious organizations of the church in good working condition, with the bevolences of the people worthy of commendation—nearly \$900 being contributed for Foreign Missions alone, with the Sabbath-school large and in good working condition—then that which may not be of especial interest to the individual church, because accustomed to it, may be of unusual interest to the collective church, and worthy of the divine commendation, “well done.” This church mourns the loss by death, of twelve of her communicants.

The *Broadway Reformed Church of Paterson*, reports a reduction of the bonded debt to the amount of \$4,750, without depleting the funds for the usual church or benevolent work, nor deterring the Y. P. S. C. E. from raising a fund of \$75 to be applied in aiding two of their members in preparation for the ministry. The usual harmony prevails in all the processes of church work.

A creditable account reaches us from the *Centreville Reformed Church* in the good work of the Sunday-school, in the activity of the Athenia Band of Workers, and in the generous contribution of \$575 for the church support by a membership of 23 individuals—all omening a future of usefulness for this christian enterprise. Severe illness in the family of Dr. DuBois, has interfered somewhat with pastoral activity. Your Committee think from the workings of a divine law in the sanctified heart, that future enrichment will accrue to this church from this discipline through which her pastor has passed.

From the *Church of Clarkstown*, the report of harmony with its attending result of steady growth, is sombered by the announcement of the death of Elder Riley, whose warm devotion to the church's interest makes very impressive his loss, while it emphasizes the certainty of his gain at the hands of the Master whom he has served with great integrity of life.

The *First Holland Reformed Church, of Paterson*, reports harmony, and uninterrupted pulpit and Sabbath-school work, with attendance at these services diminished by sickness in the congregation.

The *First Reformed Church of Garfield*, reports rejoicing for temporal and spiritual prosperity. The present growth of membership and attendance, demands an immediate enlargement of the church edifice. A committee has been appointed to secure funds for a parsonage, the grounds for which have been secured, having been donated by the liberality of Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus. The improvement in the finances indicates early self-support.

The *First Reformed Church of Lodi*, reports an earnest and faithful

work for the Master, with the expectation of a blessed fruitage from the Lord in his own good time.

The *Holland, Passaic*, reports an emergence from the consistorial difficulties that followed upon the death of their pastor, the Rev. C. W. Jacobs, in the early part of the ecclesiastical year, and an establishment of peace by the election of a new Consistory, under whose care prosperity seems to be returning.

The *Holland, Wortendyke*, sends the bare statistical report. The figures denote a large demand upon the pastor's attention in looking after the 602 baptized non-communicants, as well as faithfulness and energy in the various departments of church work.

The *North Passaic*, reports a prosperous church year in every respect. The attendance upon the religious meetings has increased. Special meetings have aroused many inquiries. Rescue Mission premises will be occupied shortly with increased facilities. The Circles of King's Daughters are doing efficient work in several spheres. A Junior Society of Christian Endeavor has begun brightly.

From the *First Reformed Church of Nyack* we have the saddening tidings of the ill-health of their beloved pastor and our beloved brother ; the removal by death of ten of its members, all of whom, with one exception, were past the meridian of life ; one of whom by his frequent representative capacity in Classis was well known, Elder Garret Van Nostrand. The divine hand has been seen in these chastening afflictions, in making more dear and tender the ties of pastoral relationship, and in repleting the diminished membership from the ranks of the Sunday-school.

The *Church of Paramus*, reports a steady prosecution in the departments of church work, with an increased interest in the Sunday-school ; two weekly prayer-meetings and the Y. P. S. C. E. have been well sustained ; while needed improvements have been made to the Chapel building and its furniture.

The *Church of Pascack*, reports a revision of the roll of members, and an uninterrupted enjoyment of the usual religious exercises, with increased attendance. All the aids of the church, consisting of the Y. P. S. C. E., the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, and the Woman's Aid Society, are in congregational harmony, working with satisfactory results.

The *Reformed Church of Piedmont*, reports that the usual church work has been faithfully carried on.

The *Second Reformed Church of Lodi*, reports the formation of a Christian Endeavor Society the past year, of 54 members. Thirty have pledged two cents weekly to Domestic Missions. Four lots

have been presented to the church, and a Sunday-school building erected at a cost of \$1,700.

The *Church of Ramapo* deplores the loss it has sustained from the illness and retirement of their pastor, and encourages herself in the hope of a speedy pastoral settlement of one to whom a call has already been extended.

The *First Reformed Church of Ridgewood*, sends us announcement of improvements in the church building at an expense of \$8,000, which has hindered by payment of interest an increase in the usual benevolent contributions. The membership both of the church and congregation has increased.

The Consistory of the *Church of Saddle River* is to be commended for promptness in sending in their report, notwithstanding the loss by removal of the pastor. We trust that continued consistorial faithfulness will effect a speedy settlement of a minister. The report shows a loss by death of four members, and an increase of membership by five, four of whom were on confession.

The *Second Totowa*, reports prosperity along the whole line of church work. All the religious associations of the church are increasing in interest. The edifices for religious purposes are crowded.

The *Church of Spring Valley*, shows solid work along all the lines of church activity. The Sabbath-school has emphasized itself by keeping uppermost the great object of its existence, by increased interest in its work prompted in part by the use of the Normal School exercises, by the increase of its members in the knowledge of divine truth, and by the unmistakable growth of those who have been hopefully born again.

The *Church of Tappan* is, we trust, emerging from the unhappy condition that has sapped her spiritual vitality.

The *Church of Warwick*, shows the evidence of the divine blessing in the absence of disturbing elements, and in the uninterrupted peace that has long prevailed, greatly giving encouragement for the coming of Christ to his own, and his enthronement in the heart of the believer.

West New Hempstead Church reports more than a nominal existence in the faithful performances of all the services of the church, in desire for enlightenment and fidelity in the use of instrumentalities for strengthening the divine life of the soul, and in attention to the material demands of the edifice of worship.

The report thus coming from the various churches of the Classis of Paramus, speaks volumes for ministerial work, rendered in season and out of season, in prayer, in anxiety, in sadness, sometimes in hope and gladness, at all times in faith that the Divine one would accept it for his name's sake, and make it yield that blessed fruitage for which

Christ has died, and we have toiled, the elevation of our humanity, and the impressing it with the divine image. The year has gone ; the work is done ; the result is with the Lord. May He graciously accept the work, and bless it with such results as will increase our gladness in the realm where all are glad.

Large revivals have not marked our church year. This, however, should not unduly depress the faithful minister. The faithful, steady toiling, does more for the millenium glory than does the evanescent excitement of the revival. When revivals are the fruitage and culmination of the natural growth of the inner life, under the ministration of the divinely appointed methods, then they are of benefit to the church in the abiding quickening of immortal souls. When, however, they are the result of a stimulating quackery under the guise of religion, then the undue excitement ends in indifference ; and to the weakening of the depressed spiritual tone, there is added such a distaste for the normal beauty and healthy processes of religious growth, that in after years, oft-times, the ways of Zion do mourn because none come to her solemn feasts.

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. John C. Van Deventer, has kindly mailed to us the following :

The Rev. Geo. Seibert was received from the Classis of Bergen, and installed pastor of the church at Garfield, N. J., Nov, 10, 1891.

The Rev. William Johnston was received from the Classis of Bergen, and installed pastor of the Second Church of Lodi, N. J., Nov. 4, 1891.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. W. Letson and the church of Ramapo, N. J., was dissolved Feb. 1st, 1892, on account of the ill-health of the former.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. N. Todd and the church of Saddle River, N. J., was dissolved, and the Rev. W. N. Todd was dismissed to the Presbytery of Newton, N. J., Feb. 8, 1892.

The Rev. A. A. King was received April 12, 1892, from the Classis of Passaic, and arrangements made for his installation at Ramapo, N. J.

Respecting the matter of Sunday-schools, which has been placed in the hands of your Committee by the action of Classis, we would say, that the reports from most of the churches show that their Sunday-schools are in good condition, and that corresponding benefits are derived therefrom. Since, however, the resolution of Synod, which caused this action of our Classis in the present instance, permits suggestions to be made upon the Sunday-school subject, we would respectfully suggest the following question : Are our churches gaining the greatest possible benefit from their Sunday-schools that can be had from them ?

Perhaps the following thoughts may assist to a more or less correct answer :

Sunday-schools are beneficial or detrimental to the church, according to the use or abuse that may be made of them.

That they are a very powerful influence in the religious world is readily conceded.

That they are intended for good in the minds of their supporters, cannot be called in question.

Then the possibility of their misuse is a subject serious in proportion to their potency.

In the opinion of your Committee, Sunday-schools subserve their best purpose in the interest of souls and in the interest of the church, under the following conditions : When they are regarded not simply as an end in themselves, but as the means to a higher end ; when they are looked upon as feeders of the church, and the attention is directed to this end ; when they are not separate from the church ; when the church controls them ; when they immerge into the church ; when the training is to prepare for the church ; when the child is taught to feel that he belongs not only to the school but also to the church ; not only to the exercises of the school but also to the exercises of the church ; that as the school bell rings for his attendance, so the church bell equally rings for his attendance ; that as the doors of the Sunday-school are open for him, so the pews of the church are open for him. When the child is made to feel this, and is helped to respond to this feeling, then when he grows up in the Sunday-school he grows up for the church. His identification with the school prepares and introduces to a more complete identification with the church. Then the school and the church become united in his own person, and in his own habits. Then he never loses his interest in the school, nor his attachment for the church. When this is the case, and this the result, then the school is beneficial to the child and beneficial to the church.

But, if it be possible for the reverse of this condition to exist, then the utility of the school in its benefit to the church may be questioned.

When the belief is induced that the school is intended chiefly for the lower pleasure of the child ; that its chief legitimate field is to afford amusement, and excursions, and picnics, and suppers, and anniversaries, with no ulterior and higher purpose in view ; that at the best, it gives a scope for religious theatricals ; that there is no connection between it and the church ; that the child's whole duty is performed when the services of the school are ended ; that it is not a tie to bind the child to the church, nor introduce the child to the services of the church, nor hold the child to the attendance of the church in after

years ; —then the school certainly is shorn of much of its usefulness; and its influence, both to the individual and the church is not merely negative, rather positive in its detriment.

Habits are formed in early years ; church going habits are formed in early years ; and if the workings of the Sunday-school are of such a nature as to wean the child from these habits, then, when maturer years are reached, is there not danger of the individual being turned adrift into the world with an aversion for church attendance, thus promoting a tendency to the decrease of the future congregation of the church, and thus to the detriment of the church, and thus to the detriment of the individual ?

We do not wish to be understood as bringing any impeachment whatever, against the Sunday-school. We are willing to concede even more than her most enthusiastic admirers claim for her. We are only pointing out the possibility of a danger, and would have that danger avoided.

Perhaps an examination into the matter, by the proper authorities, would clearly demonstrate that in every instance not only the membership of the church, but the number of worshippers are increased by the present tendencies of the Sunday-school.

Respectfully submitted,

M. N. OLIVER.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports as follows :

First we will give a synopsis of the several church reports placed in our hands :—

Boardville.—Sends no report. This church seems to exist in name only.

Boonton.—Good cheer pervades the people of this church. Since the arrival of the present pastor interest and activity has been renewed, and prosperity is anticipated. Statistics show considerable decrease in the congregational contributions ; this, however, is more apparent than real, owing to the fact that receipts from invested funds have been heretofore reported, and these are now properly not included.

Fairfield.—Reports a better attendance at the evening service than in the morning, this is owing to the fact that their Sunday-school service is held in the afternoon. Their C. E. Society and church prayer-meeting have been well sustained. Activity for the cause of Foreign

Missions is seen in their Children's Circle, their Woman's Auxiliary Society, and the Sunday-school, supports a native helper.

Franklin Furnace.—Sends no report.

Little Falls, First.—Reports a fair attendance on the means of grace. The church work in all its departments in a good activity. Soon they hope to erect a chapel. Their benevolence has not varied much from last year, but weekly contributions to missions has been begun, which will increase their benevolence in the future. While not many have confessed Christ, this church is conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Little Falls, Second, (Holland.)—Sends statistics only.

Montville is without a pastor, but the means of grace have been regularly maintained. They mourn the death of an eminent elder, and from the statistics we learn that death has called many from the membership of this church. Spiritual interest prevails in the church work.

Sixth Holland, Paterson.—Sends statistics only.

Pompton Plains.—Rejoices in deep interest, not only among members of this church, but also among those who do not confess the Saviour; and when this flock shall again have a pastor, they hope, by the Spirit of God, to see a goodly increase.

Pompton.—During the year a pastor was installed over this flock. Statistics show a healthy activity, and extensive repairs are being made in the church.

Ponds.—Has made a beginning to increase its benevolence. In membership there is no increase. They trust that true spirituality is increasing on the part of some, but others are sadly lingering behind. Attendance on the means of grace has been fair, and they hope to see more fruit in due time.

Preakness.—Removals and death are the cause of a small decrease of membership in this church. One elder in active service, and one ex-elder, are among those who have gone to their reward. There were many discouragements in the church work this year, yet in the line of benevolence this church has been very successful.

Riverside, Paterson.—During the past year its pastor left, but the services have been regularly sustained. Interest is manifest in all the work of this church. Its Sunday-school is very prosperous. There was special interest during the week of prayer, so that the services were continued. A new pastor came to labor among them. A Y. P. C. E. Society was organized. People and pastor are heartily united, a good spirit prevails, and the outlook is full of promise.

Totowa, First, Paterson.—Though without a pastor, all the means of grace have been regularly sustained. Their prayer is, that God may

send them a man after his own heart. A King's Daughters Circle has been organized. The C. E. Society is doing effective work. Benevolence is on the increase. The outlook is encouraging.

Union Reformed, Paterson.—From this church some have been removed by death, and some have withdrawn, uniting with seceder churches. Yet they report a numerical increase in families and members. Attendance on the means of grace is good. Financially they are prospering, and soon they hope to see their church property free from encumbrance.

Wyckoff.—The word of God has been preached in the spirit of Christ. For the greater part of the year attendance upon the means of grace has been encouraging, but during the winter this was not so good. Under discouragements the prayer-meeting has been sustained. The needs of the Boards have been faithfully presented, but little response has been made along this line of benevolence.

From these reports it is seen that good cheer and hope fills our churches, and the earnest work has been crowned with fair prosperity. Let us thank God and take courage. Only one church reports a manifest presence of God's Holy Spirit, but in nearly every church there has been some ingathering of souls. In the number of families and membership a marked increase is shown. The preaching of the gospel has been fairly well attended, notwithstanding the fact that ministerial changes have been many this year. Our Sunday-schools have done good work, and all organizations have been in active operation. For all this we give God the glory.

Benevolence for denominational objects exceeds that of last year by more than \$1,000, or more than 50 per cent. in excess of what was raised last year. This is an encouraging feature, and proves that our Churches do mean to sustain the Boards of our own denomination. It proves that the heaven is in the heart, and will spread.

These blessings of the Lord fill our hearts with deeply felt gratitude. The fulness of the Lord is ours. Let us go on and take out of His fulness grace for grace, and so become more filled with the Holy Spirit, in order to witness larger results than ever before.

But your Committee must call attention to the fact that there seems to be a difference of opinion in regard to the column of benevolence for denominational objects. It is the opinion of your Committee that the sum total of the various sums sent to our own Boards must balance the sum total placed in this column of the report. We respectfully call attention to the fact that in some reports they vary.

On July 2d, 1891, the Rev. H. W. Teller was called to his heavenly reward, leaving the church of Pompton Plains vacant. His death

reminds us that our time is short but precious, and it calls us to be faithful, our rest comes sure and soon.

On May 11th, 1891, the Rev. C. M. Perlee was dismissed from his charge at Boonton, and was transferred to the Classis of Greene.

On July 6th, 1891, the Rev. C. L. Clist resigned his charge at Montville, leaving that church vacant. He united with the South Classis of Bergen.

On Sept. 8th, 1891, the Rev. A. A. King resigned his charge at Riverside, Paterson. He is dismissed to Classis of Paramus.

On Nov. 16th, 1891, the Rev. G. S. Garretson was dismissed from the church of Franklin Furnace. He is transferred to the Classis of Orange.

On Nov. 30th, 1891, the Rev. J. L. Danner was dismissed from the First Church of Totowa, Paterson. He is transferred to the Presbytery of St. Paul, Minn.

On July 6th, 1891, the licentiate, F. S. Wilson, was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and on Sept. 8th, 1891, was ordained and installed as pastor of the church of Pompton.

On Oct. 6th, 1891, the Rev. A. D. W. Mason was received from the South Classis of Long Island, and installed as pastor of the church of Boonton.

On April 12, 1892, the Rev. J. B. Church was received from the Classis of Kingston, to be installed as pastor of the church of Riverside, Paterson.

Respectfully submitted,

G. NIEMEYER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

North and Southampton, gratefully acknowledges the good hand of the Heavenly Father in the gift of another year of spiritual life and privileges. Very encouraging, indeed, has been the church work. A large accession of young people to the church from the Sunday-schools has been the blessing of God to them. The outlook for the church stimulates to increased zeal. A prospect of continued harvest is before them.

Harlingen, tells us that the year just closed has been a harmonious and pleasant one. A general interest has been manifest in church matters; yet, regret is expressed that only one has been received into the church on confession. Still there are many thoughtful ones, and their conversion is a hopeful expectation. The pastor rejoices in the organization of a Y. P. S. C. E., and says that the prevailing epidemic and

the inclemency of the weather have prevented special efforts. He, unselfishly, is silent upon the fact that the long and critical sickness of his beloved wife has been a great hindrance to his activity in church work.

Neshanic, reports, church services well attended. Prayer meetings, Sabbath-schools and the Y. P. S. C. E. faithfully supported. There is cause for thankfulness to God for some ingathering. The condition of the church is that of a steady work of God's Spirit. Some valuable members have been called from work with us to the blessedness of the heavenly reward; and one, who has served faithfully in the church as layman and officer, now an elder, is lying at the point of death. With earnest prayer we implore his recovery, and yet, bow submissively to the will of the Lord. The benevolence of the church is somewhat in excess of last year.

First, Philadelphia, makes mention of the tender care and loving providence of God during the year; and while the membership has been reduced by death and removals no diminution in the activity and liberality of the church has followed. Three thousand dollars of the total indebtedness have been removed. We rejoice with them.

Second, Philadelphia, speaks of a prosperous and growing condition. 28 new members have been added during the first six months of the present pastorate. Subtracting the losses by death and removal there is a net gain of ten members. With a hopeful heart and a prayerful spirit they look for greater blessings from God.

Fourth, Philadelphia, rejoices in a year of general prosperity. Church services have been regularly maintained, excepting in August, and always well attended. Revival services have been held in connection with other evangelical churches with a resultant blessing to this church. The young people's attendance upon the church services is a very encouraging feature of the work, especially the attendance of the young men. The Sunday-school is very prosperous and doing an excellent work among the young, and is doing an unusual and very helpful work for Christ in the education of one of its members for the ministry. The Junior Y. P. S. C. E. deserves special mention for its faithfulness in worship and work. The benevolence of this society is very commendable. Death in his ravages among them has taken from the church an elder, who has been long eminent for his valuable service in the church. Eighteen families were dismissed from this church this year to a new organization.

Blawenburgh.—During the latter part of the year and at present, God has greatly afflicted the pastor of this church, prostrating him with painful disease. No report has therefore been prepared for this

meeting of Classis. The pastor has the prayerful sympathy of the brethren of Classis.

Stanton.—This church also sings songs of gratitude and thanksgiving for the good work which the Lord has permitted them to perform. Increased attendance upon church worship, increase of membership, well attended prayer-meetings reaching out their blessing to others, an earnest and active Y. P. S. C. E., although small in numbers, faithful work in the Sabbath-school, and the cultivation of the grace of benevolence.

Clover Hill, informs us of harmony and good will, faithful attendance in church services, a Y. P. S. C. E. sustained with continuous interest and good results, the Sunday-school fruitful in blessing to the church. The church has received a legacy of \$300, for which remembrance they are sincerely grateful. There has been an increase in benevolence.

Rocky Hill, comes with sadness in its countenance, reporting no special interest in its meetings; yet, glad that the church services are sustained, as also the Sabbath-school and Y. P. S. C. E. The pastor is about leaving them for another charge.

Addisville.—With this church the year has been one of work, breaking up the ground, sowing the seed. No harvesting, but there is confidence that a blessing will in God's time come. The suggestions of the last Classis in the Spring, that the churches should hold evangelistic services was duly honored. Harmony exists. A firm purpose to persevere in faithful work, exists. The spirit of benevolence is cultivated diligently.

Fifth, Philadelphia.—Finds nothing of special interest to report. Sabbath services are well attended, peace and harmony prevail. Church debts are diminished, but there is a diminution in denominational benevolence.

Three Bridges.—Has recently settled a new pastor, and reports but one item of special interest, viz., that it boldly resolves to become, if possible, self-supporting. The benevolence is somewhat in excess of last year.

Talmage, Memorial.—Says we are just born, but we actively and zealously enter upon the life with which God has endowed us. They are about to dedicate their chapel, and will call, God willing, a member of the Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J., to be their pastor. The presence of the Lord is with them, and his work prospers in their hands, for which they thank God and take courage.

In the condition of the churches much there is to be grateful to the Great Head of the church for, and some things to seriously deplore. The duties of prayer, activity and faithfulness in every department of

the church's work are urged upon us by our yearly review of the spiritual condition of our churches.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees, a licentiate of the Classis of Raritan, has been received into the Classis and ordained and installed pastor of the church at Three Bridges. The Rev. W. H. Tracy has been received from the Classis of Albany and installed pastor of the Second Church of Philadelphia. The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. E. Crane and the church at Rocky Hill has been dissolved, and he dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer.

JOHN HART, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports as follows :

All the churches of the Classis, with one exception, send cheerful reports. They gratefully acknowledge the many blessings, both temporal and spiritual, granted by the Great Head of the church. They look forward with confidence and hope to the future. There has been no great ingathering of souls, as there was last year, but good work has been done in promoting the spiritual growth of those young in the christian life, and in training them in the activities and benevolence of the church. One fact is worthy of special notice ; of the large number received into the communion of the church the previous year, all, with few exceptions, are leading consistent lives and entering into earnest work for the Master. The temporal affairs of the churches appear to have been well supported. The benevolent offerings have increased, and our churches are giving more systematically. In some instances, however, there is room for advancement. In general, Classis has great reason to rejoice over the prosperity of the churches, and the earnest, faithful work being done by them.

The First, Raritan.—This church reports harmony, quiet growth, and certain vigorous manifestations of church life. The only debt, that on the parsonage, has been greatly reduced, and entirely provided for. The pastor's salary for the third time has been increased by the unanimous action of Consistory and congregation. There is promise of united and effective action in the near future, for the enlargement and adornment of the church edifice, now over-crowded. At each celebration of the Lord's Supper some have been welcomed into full communion, and the presence of the spirit of earnest inquiry has been shown by others. Usual services have been well sustained and special

meetings with sister churches have been greatly enjoyed and have proved especially profitable to believers.

Readington.—The past year has been one of blessing to this church. Following the revival of one year ago, the early part of this year was marked by further large accessions to the church membership, making a total of nearly one hundred added as the result of this work of grace. These new members, almost without exception, have stood firm, and nearly all have proved earnest and aggressive workers for the Master. A new Sunday-school has been started where it was much needed. This has been well sustained. Two C. E. Societies have been organized and are now quietly and effectively working for the Master, as to temporal prosperity. The church and parsonage have been repaired. The expense, although large, was easily paid. The prospect in every way for the future is favorable.

Bedminster.—This church reports very briefly that "The Gospel has been regularly preached and the ordinances dispensed. All the departments of church work have been constantly and faithfully performed, and there has been a commendable zeal, especially in the societies for the young."

Lebanon.—Here the special work has been more along the line of christian development, rather than in the ingathering of souls. The young are aroused to earnest effort. The large number recently brought into the church have maintained a consistent life. Extra prayer-meetings have been established and largely attended. Regular church services have been well maintained. Harmony prevails in the church, especially between pastor and people. The people are taking good care of home interests. The two Christian Endeavor Societies are nobly assisting in this work. Regret is expressed because as much as is expected has not been done for the Boards of the church.

Rockaway.—The work has suffered greatly on account of sickness, which has repeatedly scourged the neighborhood. The Y. P. S. C. E. and the Sunday-schools lost many of their sessions. The church services were not given up, though the attendance fell to only a little over a quarter of the usual average. Affairs are now returning to the usual condition. On account of the prevalent sickness the Centennial was deferred. This celebration it is now hoped will be accomplished in May. Notwithstanding the many interruptions, benevolent contributions have increased, running expenses have been met, and a note of four hundred dollars and its interest paid.

North Branch.—With North Branch the past year has been one of unusual activity with average results. In this church there is no Y. P. S. C. E., but old and young work together in behalf of the church at

home and abroad. And as the report says, "We thus emphasize the fact that the church herself is the true, legitimate Society of Christian Endeavor, and that the vows of church membership constitute the grand and essential 'pledge' of devotion to the work of the Lord. Our plan has worked very satisfactorily." The benevolent contributions, as usual, have been large from this church. While this has been so, the home interests have not suffered, for the report states what has not been the case for many years, that all the current expenses have been met and that a balance remains in the treasury.

Second, Raritan.—The year has been one of marked prosperity and increase in the number of families and of communicants. Following the week of prayer, union evangelistic services with the First Church were conducted by the two pastors for four weeks with large attendance and much interest. Partly as a result of these services, thirteen were received into the church at the March communion. The Sunday-schools and the Y. P. S. C. E. are in a flourishing condition. The latter has undertaken to make regular contributions to missions. Improvements have been made in the chapel and in the parsonage property. Contributions for benevolent objects, especially for Foreign Missions, have been considerably in advance of those of the previous year.

Peapack.—The Word has been preached, the sacraments administered and the church edified and strengthened. Three organizations have been abundant and fruitful in good work for the congregation and the benevolent funds of the church, namely—a Ladies' Aid Society, a King's Daughters Society and the Y. P. S. C. E. The young people have not lost their interest in, and affection for, Christian Endeavor. For the first time in the history of the church, the benevolent boards and funds have been supported.

Branchville.—Substantial progress is reported. The church services have all been sustained. Although the pastor has been so ill that for several weeks he has not been able to preach, yet has the pulpit been supplied by him with those who have preached faithfully and satisfactorily to the people. Accessions on confession of faith have been made at each communion. A Y. P. S. C. E. has been organized and well sustained. The interior of the church edifice has been entirely renovated at an expense of several hundred dollars. The organ has been repaired, and a new choir under an efficient and paid leadership, has been organized.

Third, Raritan.—Regret is expressed that more have not been added to the church on confession. But this may be explained, to some extent, by the large ingathering of the previous year. The principal work has been to promote the spiritual growth of the many young in

the spiritual life. The attendance upon the regular church services has been excellent, the congregation showing signs of constant growth. The Y. P. S. C. E. organized a year ago, has steadily increased in numbers, having now over one hundred members. The society, it is believed, has been a great instrument in promoting the spiritual life of the young. A pipe organ has been placed in the church at an expense of over twenty-one hundred dollars, the current expenses have been met, and in addition the contributions to benevolent objects have been greatly in advance of the previous year, especially for Foreign and Domestic Missions.

Pottersville.—The pastor of this church has been greatly bereaved in the loss of his wife, whom our Heavenly Father in his wisdom called to her heavenly home. The report presents some encouraging items and others which are not of this character. Regular church services have been maintained about as well as for several years. Offerings have been made systematically to all denominational objects excepting the Board of Publication. The Ladies' Missionary Society has met monthly without a failure during the first year of its existence. The balance of debt has been lessened. The church has been blessed spiritually in the hopeful conversion of a good number of souls. Several were blessed by means of the "Band of Young Workers," in charge of the pastor's wife, which she maintained until called home. Among the discouraging features reported are five families less than last year, love of the world and conformity to it.

High Bridge.—While there have been no extraordinary influences of the Holy Spirit, yet an impetus has been given to various departments of church work. The Christian Endeavor Society has been active in striving to develop the young, and has received many new members. The Ladies' Missionary Society has been educating the people in reference to the needs of the church in its home and foreign work. A debt of \$270 has been paid.

Annandale.—This church has been without a settled pastor, but the pulpit has been regularly supplied by different ministers; for the past six months by Rev. A. McWilliam. At present the church feels too weak to call a settled pastor, and hopes to continue the present arrangement with Rev. A. McWilliam. The Sunday-school and the Y. P. S. C. E. are both in good working order.

Fourth, Raritan.—Sends only statistical table.

Ministerial Changes.—Rev. Henry M. Voorhees was installed as pastor of the church of High Bridge, May 3, 1891.

Oscar McMurtry Voorhees was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel, May 26, 1891. He was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

Rev. Goyt Talmage, D.D., was received from the Classis of Orange, May 26, 1891. He died June 24, 1891.

Rev. Andrew J. Hageman was received from the South Classis of Long Island, Oct. 13, 1891.

Rev. Henry P. Thompson, of Readington, died Oct. 25, 1891.

The pastoral relation between Rev. John L. McNair and the church at Bedminster was dissolved April 12, 1892, and the brother dismissed to the Classis of Kingston.

The pastoral relation between Rev. Joel Loucks and the Branchville church was dissolved April 12, 1892, and the brother, on account of ill health, retires for a season of rest.

WM. H. DE HART,

EDWARD G. READ,

Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Confession.		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		Congregational.
																			Other Objects.	Denomina- tional Objects.	
First, Hackensack.....	Herman Vanderwart	174	16	20	8	0	5	347	10	4	315	1	217	80	1	390	\$2,449 00	\$715 00	\$5,138 00	Hackensack, N. J.	
Schraalenburg.....	G. H. Cotton, (S. S.)...	93	4	8	25	1	50	87	11	1	80	1	217	80	1	80	286 98	1,526 36	1,526 36	Ridgely, N. J.	
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75 00	10 00	900 00	Weehawken, N. J.	
New Durham.....	Isaac W. Gowen	125	27	10	2	5	326	22	7	150	190	1	210	1,040	1,441 76	187 76	3,007 39	187 76	3,007 39	Hoboken, N. J.	
First, Hoboken.....	Henry Mattice	*60	1	1	1	1	115	423	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	101 00	41 00	5,068 00	Jersey City, N. J.	
Park, Jersey City.....	John Justin	60	8	1	1	1	3	87	15	1	28	1	378	1	378	101 00	41 00	5,068 00	Weehawken, N. J.		
North Bergen.....	Arthur Johnson	126	13	9	2	2	246	5	4	290	1	239	1	239	638 25	847 00	3,262 64	847 00	3,262 64	Hackensack, N. J.	
Second, Hackensack.....	John Rudolph	62	7	1	1	1	7	400	143	2	200	1	378	1	378	638 25	847 00	3,262 64	847 00	Hackensack, N. J.	
German Ev., Hoboken.....	John Bombin	60	7	1	1	1	7	400	143	2	200	1	378	1	378	638 25	847 00	3,262 64	847 00	Hackensack, N. J.	
Third, Hackensack.....	Henry Ward, (S. C.)	60	7	1	1	1	7	400	143	2	200	1	378	1	378	638 25	847 00	3,262 64	847 00	Hackensack, N. J.	
Gloster City.....	Wm. D. Buckelew	35	10	4	1	1	58	34	1	1	80	2	30	80	151 59	22 50	1,756 00	22 50	1,756 00	Gloster, N. J.	
Fallsides.....	Vacant	25	3	8	11	6	162	16	2	2	30	2	30	80	90 85	20 00	500 00	20 00	500 00	Fort Lee, N. J.	
Guttenberg.....	Charles S. Wright	100	11	8	11	6	162	16	2	2	250	1	365	185 18	98 00	100	3,040 00	98 00	3,040 00	Guttenburg, N. J.	
Central av., Jersey City.....	Vacant	53	14	8	8	1	60	1	60	1	25	1	98	72 85	28 24	100	3,040 00	98 00	3,040 00	Fort Lee, N. J.	
Cherry Hill.....	Vacant	53	14	8	8	1	60	1	60	1	25	1	98	72 85	28 24	100	3,040 00	98 00	3,040 00	Fort Lee, N. J.	
Secaucus.....	Vacant	20	2	10	4	1	23	2	23	2	30	1	65	72 85	28 24	100	3,040 00	98 00	3,040 00	Fort Lee, N. J.	
Spring Valley.....	Vacant	22	2	10	4	1	23	2	23	2	30	1	65	72 85	28 24	100	3,040 00	98 00	3,040 00	Fort Lee, N. J.	
Westwood.....	David M. Talmage	60	2	10	4	1	23	2	23	2	30	1	65	72 85	28 24	100	3,040 00	98 00	3,040 00	Fort Lee, N. J.	
Oradell.....	Vacant	83	4	30	1	1	35	1	35	1	48	1	165	214 42	6 75	130	538 08	6 75	538 08	Oradell, N. J.	
Total.....	Total.....	1,482	184	103	72	1,185	2,735	258	31	858	1,317	214,689	\$5,730 88	\$2,467 49	\$35,276 91						

Other Ministers.—William C. Handy, Franktown, Northumberland Co., Va.; William Manches Passelg, N. J.; Isaac E. House, Nyack, N. Y.; James H. Ballagh, M. Henry Yokohama, Japan; Frederick Kern, Carlstadt, N. J.; John W. Freund, Hoboken, N. J.

Candidates.—Carl Krause, Bobt. W. Blake.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

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															Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brett.....	275	21	21	26	12	558	41	7	290	440	2	800	\$1,050 00	\$1,112 00	\$7,646 14	509 Bergen ave., J. City.	
First, Bayonne.....	Wm. W. Knox.....	260	28	28	12	4	493	32	2	350	400	2	800	472 84	544 29	4,988 37	715 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.	
Wayne st., J. City..	Paul D. Vanciel.....	110	1	9	9	2	20	10	3	60	189	1	350	837 97	522 73	5,153 25	288 Barrow st., J. City.	
Bergen Point.....	Rob't K. Wick, (S. C.)	75	5	4	5	2	131	7	1	50	100	1	185	600 00	350 00	4,000 00	291 York st., J. City.	
Second, Hudson City	James F. Riggs.....	173	13	13	9	9	484	61	11	144	63	1	392	581 00	104 00	3,160 00	Bergen Point, N. J.	
Lafayette.....	E. A. Meury.....	105	4	6	2	6	163	7	150	21	75	1	314	336 00	151 00	4,251 00	239 Pacific ave., J. City.	
Greenville.....	T. J. Komers.....	151	16	15	4	5	284	13	3	90	75	1	426	25 00	95 00	4,441 00	39 Danforth ave., J. City.	
Free, Jersey City.....	Wm. P. Bruce.....	100	10	8	5	1	200	4	1	25	150	1	135	203 56	94 01	1,217 00	276 Varick st., J. City.	
Third, Bayonne.....	Charles L. Clist.....	60	8	8	8	3	150	21	1	45	240	1	375	85 00	85 00	1,800 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.	
South Bergen.....	G. Andraea, (S. S.).....	136	16	14	6	6	261	16	5	145	240	1	118	.....	.....	1,200 98	215 Bergen ave., J. City.
First Ger. Ev., J. City	Wm. D. Grant.....	90	41	1	1	1	150	67	1	125	120	2	390	.....	.....	1,200 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.
St. John's Ger. Ev.,	M. Miller, P. E.....	78	11	1	1	5	188	83	1	125	120	2	390	.....	.....	1,200 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.
	G. Andraea.....	1,613	176	101	79	59	8,202	362	331	4,465	2,043	15	4,815	\$4,106 87	\$3,058 08	\$43,671 35		
	Total.....																	

Other Ministers—Rev. James L. Amerman, Professor in Theological School, Tokio, Japan; William B. Durvee, Professor in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.; Dr. John Staehli, Jersey City.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.										C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Recd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized. Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
First, Freehold.....	J. Henry Bertholf.....	90	8	3	10	...	4	249	5	1	1	.....	200	2	200	\$121 74	\$63 39	\$1,434 36	Marlboro, Mon. Co., N. J.
Holmdel.....	{ Wm. Kelley, (Em.)..... A. Hageman, (S. C.)..... C. Spaulding, (Em.)..... J. F. Harris.....	100	7	1	2	1	3	200	6	2	2	.....	100	1	161	468 57	155 60	1,685 56	{ Freehold, Mon. Co., N. J. Holmdel, Mon. Co., N. J. 41 Elizabeth ave., Newark.
Spotswood.....	Chas. D. Burk.....	50	1	1	1	...	3	73	3	...	...	.....	.....	1	60	110 95	.....	641 00	Spotswood, Middlesex Co.
Middletown.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	40	3	...	...	...	1	90	1	2	...	.....	.....	1	50	230 82	12 00	1,012 38	Middletown, Mon. Co., N. J.
Second, Freehold.....	J. T. Schock.....	130	14	4	7	...	6	292	10	5	...	.....	97	1	182	836 74	45 56	3,840 30	Freehold, Mon. Co., N. J.
Keyport.....	A. B. Herman.....	41	6	7	8	...	2	90	...	1	37	4	...	1	168	40 90	5 00	919 56	Keyport, Mon. Co., N. J.
Long Branch.....	S. R. Cunningham.....	87	2	11	...	...	2	140	1	2	...	.....	84	1	175	128 16	20 25	1,878 06	Long Branch City, N. J.
Colls Neck.....	Vacant.....	90	3	4	5	...	1	11	...	...	14	.....	.....	1	95	111 75	7 35	1,190 21	Colls Neck, Mon. Co., N. J.
Highlands.....	E. C. Scudder.....	11	...	1	...	...	4	84	...	...	...	.....	.....	1	93	159 54	26 00	130 00	Asbury Park, Mon. Co., N. J.
Asbury Park.....	Total.....	65	3	5	4	...	4	84	...	...	...	.....	.....	1	93	\$2,209 17	\$335 15	\$14,089 33	Asbury Park, Mon. Co., N. J.

* Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Freehold, Mon. Co., N. J.; Elias Mead, East Orange, N. J.; Thomas Morton, New Brunswick, N. J.; Edward Cornet, suspended from the ministry.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.			
															Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		Congregational.
Belleville.....	William J. Leggett.....	140	14	13	13	420	7	219	40	7	100	140	1	184	\$564 47	\$81 39	\$3,119 76	Belleville, N. J.
First, Newark.....	Carlos Martyn.....	251	38	27	8	12	451	615	615	4	8	80	2	541	452 81	701 52	9,363 14	Newark, N. J.
Irrington.....	H. Vechslage, (S. C.).....	100	15	8	11	6	165	4	8	...	...	...	...	240	32 00	5 00	1,875 00	Irrington, N. J.
Second, Newark.....	Vacant.....	164	2	2	8	3	235	1	200	...	...	...	...	390	549 48	...	6,092 95	Newark, N. J.
Franklin.....	William Stuart.....	95	10	4	3	3	115	8	10	216	...	...	1	102	67 83	3 50	1,508 18	Franklin, Essex Co.
North, Newark.....	David Waters.....	292	22	16	16	10	634	19	6	40	32	10	3	993	10 43	619 50	12,169 57	Newark, N. J.
West, Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	85	25	5	3	6	270	70	...	40	...	...	...	27 00	27 00	...	1,760 00	Newark, N. J.
Clinton ave., Newark.....	Daniel H. Martin.....	252	34	23	12	8	462	10	8	...	239	2	735	4759 62	925 00	...	9,051 45	Newark, N. J.
Trinity, Newark.....	Richard P. Milliken.....	80	24	5	6	2	143	11	6	80	...	...	1	250	110 62	30 88	1,200 91	Newark, N. J.
Linden.....	Supplies.....	32	5	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	95	248 10	...	993 82	Linden, N. J.
Christ, Woodside.....	Charles H. Jones.....	162	10	13	7	2	3	48	2	4	...	...	1	315	109 82	442 62	2,671 63	Newark, N. J.
Stone House Plains.....	Vacant.....	45	16	12	1	2	94	4	6	...	...	...	1	140	123 29	...	1,050 00	Brookdale, N. J.
Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	251	18	14	14	1	550	14	4	213	1	337	1	1971 20	320 36	...	14,830 93	East Orange, N. J.
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Cornelius Schenck.....	235	13	21	11	5	514	8	9	...	...	...	1	425	950 29	451 82	6,456 17	Plainfield, N. J.
German, Plainfield.....	Frederick Koehli.....	64	2	0	...	...	...	4	85	12	12	6	1	68	41 00	45 00	910 00	Plainfield, N. J.
Avondale.....	Vacant.....	10	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	33	...	...	1	32	...	...	112 00	Avondale, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	2,258	248	153	122	176	4,300	218	85	681	710	204,027	20,438	93	\$3,525 50	\$52 23	53	

† 16 of them to organize new church at Avondale.

* Revised list.

‡ Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Geener, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 344 Summer ave., Newark, N. J.; Wm. G. E. See, Brookdale, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.						C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Recd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized. Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.	
																	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman.....	310	2	10	25	0	18	714	19	2	.....	184	1	495	\$1,258 00	\$4,894 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run.....	Geo. M. S. Blauvelt.....	150	5	0	12	0	4	290	10	3	.....	60	5	290	998 00	1,662 00	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough.....	Theodore Shafer.....	145	9	9	5	0	6	313	6	3	53	.....	71	228	313 23	1,484 41	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush.....	James LeFevre.....	80	8	2	5	0	5	175	3	2	.....	100	1	120	370 00	1,572 00	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown.....	James L. Southard.....	51	3	6	4	0	3	112	2	0	.....	62	2	87	165 21	843 00	Griggstown, N. J.
Second, N. Brunswick.	Manlius H. Hutton.....	170	7	19	20	0	5	405	2	1	.....	204	2	319	1,587 59	6,940 74	New Brunswick, N. J.
Bound Brook.....	Vacant.....	60	1	2	7	0	3	129	6	0	44	.....	1	148	39 73	1,408 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Third, N. Brunswick.	Carl Meyer, (S. S.).....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	24	2	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	34 65	277 00	Bloomington, N. J.
East Millstone.....	A. Paige Peeke.....	65	2	6	5	0	1	162	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 15	1,355 22	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen.....	Garrett Wyckoff.....	60	4	2	1	0	0	135	1	1	.....	166	1	100	318 00	1,403 00	Metuchen, N. J.
Snydam st., N. Bruns'k	Alan D. Campbell.....	20	6	16	3	0	3	183	4	1	.....	.....	.....	189	36 58	3,221 41	New Brunswick, N. J.
Highland Park.....	John B. Thompson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	694 06	New Brunswick, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	1,183	57	89	92	0	49	2,732	62	17	109	776	22	1,971	\$5,536 54	\$2,438 82	\$25,664 44	

* Revised list.

† Union Sabbath School.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, T. Sandford Doolittle, Ralph Willis, E. T. Corwin, (S. C.), John L. See, all of New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; A. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; Eugene S. Booth, Yokohama, Japan; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.

Candidates.—Dewitt T. Relley, Lewiston, Pa.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.; Alex. G. Van Akon, Jamesburg, N. J., and S. DuBois Demarest.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						B.A.P.		C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	B.A.P.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.	
									Infants.	Adults.				Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		
Aquaetankonek.....	John Gaston.....	150	3	8	8	12	360	22	5	100	200	1	350	\$1,275 00	\$892 00	\$4,193 00	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
B'way Paterson.....	N. H. VanArsdale.....	100	5	4	3	208	298	5	1	100	100	1	230	474 92	189 79	8,184 27	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
Charterville.....	Alison DuBois.....	20	3	4	3	23	23	2	1	68	25	1	90	45 06	.....	1,390 00	Athol, Passaic Co., N. J.
Cherdown.....	Eugene Hill.....	80	17	13	5	153	153	4	4	182	72	2	172	311 07	199 00	1,394 23	Mr. Moor, Rockland Co., N. Y.
La Holland, Pat's'n	Jacques Huyssou.....	82	6	7	1	112	112	12	4	182	49	1	104	62 25	11 75	1,078 30	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.
La Holland, Lodl	Vacant.....	50	8	11	1	33	33	4	1	0	100	1	110	4 95	4 95	1,032 28	Garfield, Passaic Co., N. J.
Holland, Passaic	Louis Jongeneel.....	44	5	2	2	54	54	6	1	116	40	1	80	23 25	28 43	1,475 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Hol'd, Wortendyke	Emo R. Hacen.....	200	21	16	7	10	212	17	600	600	151	1	265	51 49	28 43	1,629 72	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
North, Passaic.....	I. H. Whitehead.....	117	16	7	1	220	220	31	2	602	4	1	270	94 87	1,045 14	2,139 87	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.
Nyack.....	J. C. Van Deywater.....	90	24	10	6	305	305	8	3	175	200	1	410	1,729 08	96 00	5,491 39	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Paranite.....	William H. Vroom.....	146	12	10	16	10	328	4	3	140	175	1	23	1,383 00	27 50	8,476 00	Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Paseauk.....	Edward Lodvick.....	110	4	6	5	8	290	10	2	135	150	1	192	385 92	4 78	2,771 87	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Piermont.....	J. Russel Verbruycke.....	100	8	.....	3	128	128	5	2	.....	150	1	150	127 57	88 50	1,940 00	Park Ridge, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ramapo.....	A. A. King, *.....	63	1	2	6	.....	95	.....	.....	.....	50	2	72	345 07	.....	2,754 07	Piermont, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Ridgewood.....	Vacant.....	115	12	22	11	4	189	6	.....	51	60	1	188	218 05	18 00	4,479 61	Ramapo, Bergen Co., N. J.
Saddle River.....	I. A. Van Neste.....	39	4	1	4	61	61	7	.....	.....	20	1	60	41 65	.....	700 00	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Second, Lodi.....	Vacant.....	4	3	3	2	67	67	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,201 44	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Second, Totowa.....	(J. H. Durges (Em.) T. W. Welles (S.C.)	189	15	8	2	7	346	17	5	.....	300	1	552	598 55	727 06	4,583 51	Paterson, 17 Temple st.
Spring Valley.....	Cornelius E. Crispell.....	83	1	5	2	123	123	4	1	76	150	1	176	196 00	4 36	1,410 00	Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Tappan.....	M. N. Oliver.....	60	1	2	2	99	99	4	1	89	70	3	260	106 09	40 00	997 50	Tappan, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Warwick.....	Peter Crispell.....	133	5	16	3	227	227	8	2	60	98	1	112	108 79	152 00	6,821 47	Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.
West New Hempstead	Thos. S. Dushbarrie.....	47	.....	6	1	102	102	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	116	112 83	8 50	1,045 65	Viola, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Total.....	Total.....	2,009	175	140	116	1,783	830	181	25	2,106	2,136	27	4,235	\$5,493 85	\$3,342 06	\$58,929 24	

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, 37 and 38 Park Row, New York city; Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; William W. Letson, Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J. * Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
			Recd.	On Confession.					Total now in Com- munion.	Died.	Suspended.	On Certificate.	Dis- missed.	Total.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Boardville.....	Vacant.....	*55	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	*61	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*85	\$109 00	.....	.....	\$ 632 49	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.	
Boonton.....	A. D. W. Mason.....	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	103	151 58	.....	.....	1,213 20	Fairfield, Essex Co., N. J.	
Fairfield.....	Wm. E. Bogardus.....	*59	8	2	6	0	3	31	157	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	175	66 68	\$ 6 85	.....	639 00	Franklin Furnace, N. J.	
Franklin Furnace.....	Vacant.....	75	3	2	1	0	1	0	157	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	135	153 47	26 75	.....	1,780 69	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J.	
Little Falls, First.....	Jacob O. Van Fleet.....	30	8	6	2	0	1	1	130	15	4	45	20	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Little Falls, Passaic Co., N. J.
Little Falls, 2d, (Hol.).....	Supplied.....	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Montville.....	Vacant.....	561	55	25	7	0	10	677	108	0	1289	630	1	540	687 15	600 00	2,400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
6th Holland, Paterson.....	E. Vanhethloo.....	145	3	1	2	0	5	279	0	1	329	5	342	539 83	22 05	2,069 17	Pompton Plains, Morris Co., N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pompton, Passaic Co., N. J.
Pompton Plains.....	Chas. J. Allen, (P. E.).....	85	11	6	0	0	2	175	5	7	.....	2	229	357 25	89 00	2,023 00	Pompton, Passaic Co., N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pompton, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pompton.....	Ferdinand S. Wilson.....	05	3	0	4	0	1	84	7	2	40	2	105	80 63	100 00	1,035 00	Onkand, Bergen Co., N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Onkand, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ponds.....	George Niemeyer.....	48	5	1	3	0	5	105	4	3	118	1	100	29 62	.....	1,173 46	23 Bank st., Paterson, N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Preakness.....	George W. Labaw.....	89	10	1	3	0	2	92	3	4	220	1	389	75 00	18 89	2,785 26	Paterson, N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Riverside, Paterson.....	J. B. Church, P. E.....	130	6	1	9	0	9	281	14	2	150	1	250	200 54	30 00	3,499 90	Paterson, N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
1st Totowa, Paterson.....	Vacant.....	260	19	12	6	0	9	404	53	0	755	22	353	233 38	451 10	2,284 35	Paterson, N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Union Ref'd, ".....	Helenus E. Nies.....	75	2	0	1	0	2	101	8	0	.....	1	121	57 47	.....	1,000 00	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.
Wyckoff.....	Wm. Earl Faulkner.....	1,775	133	59	50	0	60	2,729	223	27	2,207	1,715	21	3,021	\$2,941 60	\$1,344 64	\$23,269 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.
Total.....		1,775	133	59	50	0	60	2,729	223	27	2,207	1,715	21	3,021	\$2,941 60	\$1,344 64	\$23,269 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., N. J.

* Revised list.

† Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J.; Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y.; John A. Trimmer, Jersey City, N. J.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						B.A.P.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dis-missed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com-munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communi-cants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.
																			Other Objects.	Denomina-tional Objects.	
N. & Southampton.	H. P. Craig	*110	88	10	5	10	5	9	*233	3	20	110	4	303	\$357 04	\$81 50	\$2,090 00	Churchville, Pa.			
Hartingen	Francis M. Kip	140	11	7	11	11	7	5	*212	6	1	110	4	303	165 19	35 09	1,690 00	Hartingen, N. J.			
Neshaminy	John Hart	140	11	6	15	15	6	5	*245	5	2	110	4	300	332 08	96 62	2,012 62	Neshaminy, N. J.			
First, Philadelphia	P. H. Milliken	160	8	1	10	10	7	258	5	2	160	1	250	1,598 00	210 00	5,883 00	1216 Spring Garden st., Phila.				
Second, "	Wm. H. Tracy	*216	14	13	13	13	5	*321	3	5	200	2	586	812 29	303 94	6,953 42	519 Brown st., Phila., Pa.				
Fourth, "	Taber Knox	140	14	5	20	20	7	407	20	1	200	1	520	272 00	145 00	3,730 00	145 Grape st., 21st ward, Phila.,				
Blawenburgh	W. B. Voorhes, (S. C.)	90	2	9	4	9	4	3	*168	0	5	8	1	40	96 47	13 31	850 00	Blawenburgh, N. J.			
Stanton	James Bolton, (P. E.)	70	10	9	4	8	3	2	140	1	2	1	70	38 88	11 89	1,000 00	Stanton, N. J.				
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogert	70	8	4	3	3	2	140	1	2	1	70	38 88	11 89	1,000 00	1,000 00	Clover Hill, N. J.				
Rocky Hill	J. E. Crane	66	5	2	1	2	2	116	1	1	1	300	200 00	75 00	2,697 00	2,697 00	2223 East Susquehanna ave.,				
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow	150	2	2	1	4	242	42	3	5	40	1	300	206 65	89 00	1,397 00	Richboro, Pa.				
Adliscville	S. O. Lavington	50	2	2	3	7	6	158	4	3	1	102	89 00	6 16	1,719 00	715 74	Three Bridges, N. J.				
Three Bridges	O. M. Voorhes	86	5	9	15	15	9	35	11	1	50	1	127	14 00	.....	1,719 00	425 Lyceum ave., Phila.			
Talmage Memorial	E. W. Thompson, P. E.	44	4	32	1	568	26	2,798	\$4,282 50	\$928 42	\$30,272 68			
Total	Total	1,492	112	103	106	8	55	2,836	109	50	568	26	2,798	\$4,282 50	\$928 42	\$30,272 68			

* Revised list.

† Last year's report.

† One union.

‡ The sickness of Mr. Voorhes prevented a full report. ¶ 18 were dismissed to a new church organization.

Other Ministers.—Abram R. Van Nest, 208 Fifth ave., New York City; J. V. N. Talmage, Bound Brook, N. J.; C. E. Gramm; A. Stoll, Balpore, India.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.						C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	
First, Raritan.....	J. Preston Searle.....	235	17	8	10	...	10	500	14	3	...	200	1	350	\$1 098 00
Readington.....	Benj. V. D. Wyckoff.....	195	29	10	7	...	8	309	3	16	...	100	1	250	293 00
Bedminster.....	Vacant.....	100	4	2	10	1	4	213	4	1	...	...	1	160	594 00
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis.....	220	4	2	9	...	5	345	5	2	...	...	4	290	119 00
Rockaway.....	Benj. C. Miller, Jr.....	104	3	12	5	...	6	244	2	1	80	...	5	286	129 00
North Branch.....	Philip M. Doolittle.....	129	11	5	18	1	3	168	9	6	...	65	2	149	408 00
Second, Raritan.....	Edward G. Read.....	220	18	22	7	...	11	565	8	6	...	290	2	477	1 086 00
Peapack.....	George Davis.....	115	5	8	4	...	6	198	7	1	...	55	1	110	139 00
Branchville.....	Vacant.....	110	10	5	10	...	2	216	1	1	...	...	...	...	227 00
Third, Raritan.....	Wm. H. DeHart.....	155	5	11	9	...	3	337	14	3	...	290	1	230	670 00
Pottersville.....	George J. Van Neste.....	61	5	2	4	1	1	119	6	3	...	12	1	87	83 00
High Bridge.....	Henry M. Voorhees.....	75	8	3	1	...	3	138	1	2	...	30	1	120	149 00
Amundale.....	Alex. McWilliam, S. S.....	38	7	3	...	...	2	71	2	2	...	...	...	96	9 00
Fourth, Raritan.....	Frederick Koehul, S. S.....	98	4	...	...	...	...	102	14	...	...	...	...	...	14 00
Total.....		1,855	125	93	94	3	64	3,525	90	39	94	862	27	2,728	\$5,018 00
															\$954 00
															\$26,384 00

* Two Union.

Other Ministers—H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Mesick, (S. C.) Blawenburgh, N. J.; Abram N. Wyckoff, Bedminster, N. J.; Charles H. Pool, Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.; Joel Loucka, Palatine Bridge, N. Y.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1892.

CLASSES.	BAPTIZED.										C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.			
	REC'D.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Baptized Non- Communion.			Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.				
							Infants.	Adults.	Denomina- tional Objects.				Other Objects.						
Classis of Bergen.....	19	19	1,482	184	103	72	1	35	2,735	258	31	338	1,317	21	4,689	\$5,739 88	\$2,467 49	\$85,276 91	Henry Ward.
South Classis of Bergen.....	12	16	1,513	176	101	79	...	69	3,202	362	33	1,445	2,043	15	4,815	4,106 37	3,008 03	45,671 35	Robert K. Wick.
Classis of Nonmouth.....	10	14	1,504	147	87	37	1	27	1,369	29	14	51	458	11	1,297	2,299 17	335 15	14,039 35	A. Hageman.
Classis of Newark.....	16	16	2,258	248	133	122	1	76	4,300	218	85	681	710	20	4,007	20,470 83	3,525 59	92,237 33	Henry Verslage.
Classis of N. Brunswick.....	12	22	1,183	57	189	92	...	49	2,732	62	17	109	2,136	27	4,235	5,336 54	2,433 32	25,064 84	E. T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus.....	24	25	1,773	173	140	116	18	78	3,891	184	25	2,106	1,715	21	3,021	8,489 85	3,342 06	58,929 24	T. W. Welles, (P. T.)
Classis of Passaic.....	16	13	1,775	133	159	59	...	60	2,719	223	27	2,297	1,715	21	3,021	2,941 60	1,344 64	23,260 13	F. O. Van Fleet.
Classis of Philadelphia.....	14	17	1,492	112	103	106	8	55	2,838	109	59	...	868	26	2,798	4,282 57	924 42	30,272 68	F. M. Kip, (P. T.)
Classis of Raritan.....	14	19	1,855	125	93	94	3	64	3,625	90	39	94	862	27	2,728	5,018 00	954 00	26,354 00	John F. Mesick.
	137	161	6	14,371	1,297	878	765	32	503	27,238	1,535	321	7,051	190	29,491	\$53,724 84	\$18,408 70	\$39,745 01	

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The following report of the Committee on Classical Minutes was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report that the minutes of all the Classes except those of the Classis of New Brunswick, which are not here, have been referred for examination to the various Sub-Committees, whose reports are as follows :

Classis of Bergen.—Your Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Classis of Bergen beg to record that said minutes have been well and regularly kept since last reviewed. Answers to Constitutional Questions :

Question 2d. Yes. 5. No. 6.

“ 3d. “ 10. “ 2.

WM. STUART,
JNO. C. LATOURETTE.

South Classis of Bergen.—Your Committee would respectfully report that it has examined the records of the South Classis of Bergen and find the same correctly kept. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows :

Question 2d. Yes. 7. No. 4.

“ 3d. “ 10. “ 1.

J. L. SOUTHARD,
H. D. VAN NESS.

Classis of Monmouth.—Your Committee finds nothing in the Classical Minutes requiring the attention of Particular Synod. The records are kept in due order. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows :

Question 2d. Yes. 4. No. 5.

“ 3d. “ 6. “ 4.

GEORGE J. VAN NESTE,
TUNIS VANDERVEER.

Classis of Newark.—The Sub-Committee to examine the Book of Minutes of the Classis of Newark, finds the Minutes regularly kept, and finds nothing calling for the action of Particular Synod. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows, viz. :

Question 2d. Yes. 12. No. 3.

“ 3d. “ 12. “ 0.

A. J. HAGEMAN,
J. H. CONDIT.

Classis of Paramus.—Your Committee examined the Minutes of the Classis of Paramus and finds them properly kept. Answers to Question 2d. Yes, 10. No, 12.

“ 3d. “ All.

G. NIEMEYER,
M. V. D. POLHEMUS.

Classis of Passaic.—Your Sub-Committee to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Passaic has carefully examined these Minutes and finds them nicely, carefully and regularly kept. The Minutes of Consistories have been regularly presented and examined. The Constitutional Questions have been asked, and the answers fully recorded in detail, and 2d and 3d questions as follows :

Question 2d. Yes, 9. No, 6.

“ 3d. Yes, All.

We find nothing requiring attention of Synod.

OSCAR GESNER,
C. HOLMES ELLIS.

Classis of Philadelphia.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia, respectfully reports that it has examined the Minutes and finds them correctly kept. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows, viz. :

Question 2d. Yes, 8. No, 5.

“ 3d. “ 12. “ 2.

C. R. BLAUVELT,
WM. A. McMURTRY.

Classis of Raritan.—Your Committee finds the Records properly kept. The answers to the Constitutional Questions are as follows :

Question 2d. Yes, 9. No, 4.

“ 3d. “ 12 “ 1.

F. M. KIP,
L. VAN DERVEER.

All of which is hereby submitted,

GEORGE W. LABAW, *Chairman.*
S. O. LAWSING.
PETER G. SCHOMP.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported as follows. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, would respectfully report :

The following papers in the case of the Third Church of Philadelphia, on appeal from the Classis of Philadelphia have been referred :

1. A report of the formulation of Reasons for the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, in the matter of disbanding the Third Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia, duly authenticated by the signatures of President and Stated Clerk of Classis.

2. An appeal from the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, by the Third Church of Philadelphia, with reasons for the appeal, duly authenticated by the President and Clerk of the Consistory, and the seal of the church.

3. A Certificate of the appointment of the Rev. P. H. Milliken, as Commissioner, to represent the Classis of Philadelphia in case of an appeal.

- 4 and 5. Certificates of the appointment of the Rev. C. F. C. Suckow, and the Elder, George F. Gordon, as Commissioners, to represent the Third Church of Philadelphia before this Particular Synod.

There has also been submitted to your Committee, satisfactory evidence in the form of a postal card, dated June 1, 1891, and a letter, dated June 8, 1891, to George F. Gordon, showing that the appeal and reasons therefore, had been received by the Rev. J. E. Crane, at that time President of the Classis of Philadelphia, within 20 days of the action of Classis, as required by the Constitution. The fact that the Rev. J. E. Crane has, since that date, removed from the Classis, satisfactorily accounts for the absence of a certificate to that effect.

The appeal having been regularly submitted, your Committee recommends that it be entertained, and that the Synod proceed to its consideration, according to the prescribed order.

1. The sentence appealed from, as recorded in the Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia, May 22d, 1891, with reasons appended, shall be read.

2. The appeal and reasons for appeal shall be read.

3. There being no documents in the case, the original party shall be heard, through their Commissioner, Rev. C. F. C. Sucknow.

4. The Commissioner of the Classis of Philadelphia, Rev. P. H. Milliken, shall be heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision, and of the manner of proceeding in the case.

6. The appellant shall be heard in reply, through their Commissioner, Rev. C. F. C. Suckow.

After which the Synod shall consider the case under the Rule.

Your Committee calls attention to the Constitutional provisions, per-

ting a Judicatory, on appeal, to be represented by a Commissioner. is, your Committee apprehends, limits the number of Commissioners to one from each Judicatory interested. Two Commissioners having been appointed by the Consistory of the Third Church of Philadelphia, your Committee accepts the statement of the Rev. C. F. C. Suckow; that it was understood by the Consistory, that the preference was given to him, in case only one Commissioner be recognized.

CORNELIUS BRETT,
HENRY WARD,
GEO. L. VAN EMBURGH.

The President announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of Judicial Business and enjoined upon the members to guard their characters as judges in a Court of Christ. Prayer was offered that the members might be guided aright in their decision.

The sentence appealed from was read.

The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.

The appellants were heard through their representative, Rev. C. F. Suckow.

Rev. P. H. Milliken, Commissioner of the Classis of Philadelphia, was heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision and of their manner of proceeding in the case.

The representative of the appellants was heard in reply.

After the Synod had obtained, by questions, of these Commissioners, the information it desired, the parties interested withdrew, when roll call was called and every member of the Synod was given an opportunity to express his opinion. The vote was taken by roll call upon the following resolution :

Resolved, That the decision of the Classis of Philadelphia be concurred in, and resulted as follows :

Ayes, 38. Noes, 5.

The parties to the case were recalled and the decision of the Synod was announced to them by the President.

Revs. A. D. Campbell, Oscar Gesner, and Elder, C. D. Van Ness, were appointed a committee to draft the reasons which governed the Synod in coming to its decision. They reported as follows and their report was adopted :

Your Committee, appointed to formulate the opinion of Particular Synod, in regard to the action of the Classis of Philadelphia, in dismissing the Third Church of Philadelphia, and the appeal of the said church against the action of Classis, would respectfully state what seems to be the reasons of Synod in sustaining the action of Classis.

1st. It is the sense of this Synod that the action of the Classis of Philadelphia was entirely in accordance with the Constitution. It did not transcend the authority conferred upon it by the Constitution since it has the oversight of all churches within its bounds, and a thoritative care, according to Art. 7, Sec. 2.

2d. It is the sense of this Synod, that the Classis of Philadelphia in what it did, was actuated with the desire to promote the peace and harmony of the kingdom of Christ, and to preserve the best interest of the whole church.

3d. Since the Classis desired to finally settle this trouble with the Third Church of Philadelphia, there was no other course open to it than the one that was taken.

ALAN D. CAMPBELL.

OSCAR GESNER,

C. D. VAN NESS.

Revs. A. D. Campbell and N. H. Van Arsdale were appointed Commissioners primarius and secundus, to represent this body before General Synod and to defend its action in case of an appeal therefrom.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

ended to.

ARTICLE XV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

J. Preston Searle addressed the Synod on Tuesday afternoon, in of the Board of Domestic Missions.

T. W. Chambers, D.D., appeared before Synod on Wednesday on, as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, and lowed by Rev. Dr. Mandeville, Secretary of the Board of Educa- its behalf.

as resolved that we have heard with pleasure these representa- of the Boards, and desire to put ourselves on record—that we, as ers and Elders, will do our utmost to meet and even anticipate essities of our Boards.

ARTICLE XVI.

TREASURER.

Treasurer pro tem., Rev. I. P. Brokaw, presented a report sup- tary to that of the late Treasurer, Garret Van Nostrand :

DR.		
ce on hand as per last report.....		\$169 96
ment from Classis of New Brunswick.....		20 00
" " Newark.....		26 00
" " Bergen.....		24 00
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		\$239 96
CR.		
y of Stated Clerk, for 1890.....	\$50 00	
ses of Synod's meeting.....	13 90	
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Balance in treasury.....		\$176 06
report of the Treasurer pro tem., for the balance of the year was		
ows :		

DR.		
To assessment Classis of Paramus.....		\$ 40 00
" " Philadelphia.....		36 00
" " South Bergen.....		25 00
" " Monmouth.....		16 00
" " Passaic.....		30 00
" " Raritan.....		37 00

1892.		
Mar. 18.	To Balance due Synod, from Estate of late Treasurer.....	176 08
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		\$360 08
CR.		
1891.		
June 8.	By bill for printing Minutes for 1891, (in part).....	\$50 00
July 11.	" Balance of printing.....	50 79
Sep. 28.	" Bill of binding Vol. Minutes.....	1 25
Oct. 24.	" Fee of Attorney for preparing claim against estate of late Treasurer	50
Dec. 31.	" Salary of Stated Clerk 1891.....	50 00
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		152 04
Balance in Treasury.....		<hr/>
		\$207 52

It was referred to the Committee on Treasurer's accounts, who reported as follows :

The Committee on Accounts has examined the late Treasurer's account as well as that of the Treasurer pro tem., with the vouchers, and found the same correct.

Your Committee would recommend the assessment of \$175.00, suggested by the Treasurer pro tem.

Your Committee, in presenting its report, would also notice the death of Garret Van Nostrand, Esq., which has occurred since our last session, who for many years was our faithful and efficient Treasurer, and would suggest that the Stated Clerk, in our Minutes, express our appreciation of his worth and faithful services to this Synod.

F. M. KIP,
C. L. CLIST,
C. H. HARRIS.

Upon report of the Committee on nominations, Mr. C. H. Harris, of Hackensack, N. J., was elected Treasurer in the place of Garret Van Nostrand, deceased.

ARTICLE XVII.

PARTICULARIA.

Rev. W. W. Moffett, District Secretary of the American Bible Society for the States of New Jersey and Delaware, the rule being suspended was heard immediately after the formation of Synod in behalf of the cause which he represents.

The Synod appointed 9 o'clock, A. M., 2.30 P. M., and 7.45 P. M., as the hours of meeting, and 12 M., and 5 P. M. as the hours of adjournment.

Revs. H. Ward, Oscar Gesner, and Elder S. Francisco were appointed

Committee on Devotional Exercises. They recommended that the Lord's Supper be celebrated by the Synod and Congregation immediately after the delivery of the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening; services to be conducted and the liturgy read by the President; to assist in the devotional exercises, Revs. C. Brett and J. C. Cruikshank; to dispense the bread, Elders J. H. Condit, C. H. Harris, G. L. Van Alburgh, I. D. Bogert; to dispense the cup, Elders D. H. Speer, P. G. Romp, J. J. Demarest, C. D. Van Ness. The services were duly carried out according to this order.

The first hour after the opening of the Synod, and the first half hour of the session of Wednesday, were occupied with devotional exercises according to the rules.

The Committee on Nominations recommended for member of the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary, the nomination to General Synod of Rev. Anson DuBois, D.D., for the full term of three years; and for Council of Hope College, Rev. C. Brett, D., to fill the unexpired term of Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D.D., deceased; to make the address before next Synod, Rev. J. Preston Searle, Primarius, Rev. J. F. Riggs, secundus; topic, "Our Missionary Opportunity in the West." For members of the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence—the creation of which was ordered by the last General Synod—Revs. Peter Crispell, Andrew Hageman, and Elder, H. Condit. The report of the Committee was adopted.

An invitation was received from the First Church of Hackensack for the Synod to hold its next regular session with them. The invitation was accepted.

Rev. D. H. Martin, of Newark, who had prepared the address to be given on Wednesday evening, on "The Undeveloped Resources of the Church," was unable to be present on account of sudden illness. In his absence his address was read by Mr. H. C. Willoughby, a member of his church. The thanks of the Synod were tendered to Rev. D. H. Martin for his instructive and inspiring address.

It was resolved that the sincere thanks of this Synod be conveyed to the pastor of the Church of Nyack, the consistory and congregation for the hearty welcome and generous entertainment they have given the Synod, and also to the organist and choir for their enjoyable musical services.

ARTICLE XVIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following having been nominated by the Classes were confirmed :

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Henry Mattice,	Elder Henry Bell,
“ A. B. Taylor,	“ Isaac D. Bogert,
“ Arthur Johnson,	“ George N. Comes.

SECUNDI.

Rev. I. W. Gowen,	Elder Conrad Hoffman,
“ H. Vanderwart,	“ R. Brupbacker,
“ John Justin,	“ J. F. Huber.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Jas. L. Amerman	Elder C. C. Westervelt,
“ Jas. F. Riggs,	“ H. N. Van Wagenen.
“ R. K. Wick,	“ H. C. Selvage.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. A. Meury,	Elder G. D. Van Reipen,
“ T. J. Kommers,	“ Conrad Hoffman,
“ P. D. Van Cleef,	“ S. B. Vreeland.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARII.

Rev. A. Hageman,	Elder J. Henry Heyer,
“ J. H. Bertholf,	“ J. S. Herbert,
“ A. B. Herman,	“ J. O. Green, M. D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Thos. Morton,	Elder Thos. Johnson,
“ S. R. Cunningham,	“ John Statesir,
“ Jas. T. Schock,	“ J. W. Schultz.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARII.

Rev. David Waters,	Elder W. H. Kirk,
“ C. H. Jones,	“ S. S. Cueman,
“ R. P. Milliken,	“ John Duncan.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Cors. Schenck,	Elder H. Wurdermann,
“ W. J. Leggett,	“ C. T. Williamson,
“ Carlos Martyn,	“ Zenas E. Jacobus.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARI.

Corwin,	Elder P. C. Staats,
Hutton,	" David Murray,
de Fevre,	" Jas. Stothoff.

SECUNDI.

Pockman,	Elder J. S. Stewart,
Lyckoff,	" C. S. Edgar,
Shafer,	" P. E. Nevius.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARI.

de DuBois,	Elder John B. Courter,
Whitehead,	" Edo Kipp,
Crispell,	" Peter S. Van Orden,
de Hill,	" J. C. Haring, M. D.

SECUNDI.

Verbrycke,	Elder C. W. Miller,
Gaston,	" P. W. Doremus,
Oliver,	" A. C. Holdrum,
Jongeneel,	" Leendert Bogart.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARI.

Bogardus,	Elder C. D. Van Ness,
Niemeyer,	" D. H. Speer,
Cruikshank,	" S. Francisco.

SECUNDI.

Nies,	Elder N. Vanduin,
de Hetloo,	" John Witte,
Van Fleet,	" Charles Crane.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARI.

Milliken,	Elder A. H. Patterson,
Tracy,	" Hiram Jones,
Knox,	" A. W. Givin.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. B. Voorhees,	Elder W. A. Weart,
“ Jas. Bolton,	“ Lambert Smith,
“ N. I. M. Bogert,	“ Levi Reed.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Henry M. Voorhees,	Elder G. N. Creiger,
“ Chas. H. Pool,	“ Peter Dewitt,
“ Andrew J. Hageman,	“ John Amerinan.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Preston Searle,	Elder Jas. H. Cain,
“ B. V. D. Wyckoff,	“ Peter G. Schomp,
“ Wm. E. Davis,	“ S. J. Shurts.

ARTICLE XIX.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned at 9.15 o'clock, Wednesday evening, to its next annual meeting in the First Church of Hackensack, New Jersey, on the first Tuesday of May, 1893, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The Minutes were read and approved, the roll was called, and Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. Brett and the benediction by the President.

HENRY VEHSLAGE, *President*
A. PAIGE PEEKE, *Vice President*

A. HAGEMAN,
B. V. D. WYCKOFF, } *Clerks pro. tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

NOTE.—Owing to the delay in receiving the copy of the committee on the report of the South Classis of Bergen, they were unavoidably printed out of position.

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

-First New Brunswick,	-	Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
-First New Brunswick,	-	Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
-First VanVorst, Jersey City,		Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
-Acquackanonck, Passaic,		Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
-Second, Freehold,	- - -	Rev. John Gardner.
-Second, Newark,	- - -	Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
-Second, Somerville,	- -	Rev. George J. Van Neste.
-First, Paterson,	- - - -	Rev. William R. Duryee.
-Second, New Brunswick,		Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D.
-Bergen,	- - - - -	Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
-First, Philadelphia,	- -	Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
-Neshanic,	- - - - -	Rev. James Le Fevre.
-Paramus,	- - - - -	Rev. Cornelius Brett.
-Millstone,	- - - - -	Rev. M. H. Hutton.
-First, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf, D.D.
-Warwick,	- - - - -	Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
-First, Orange,	- - - -	Rev. Thos. C. Easton, D.D.
-Lafayette, Jersey City,	-	Rev. David Waters, D.D.
-Lebanon,	- - - - -	Rev. Edward G. Read.
-Belleville,	- - - - -	Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
-Second, Philadelphia,	-	Rev. J. Preston Searle.
-First, Somerville,	- - -	Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
-Third, Raritan,	- - -	Rev. N. H. Vanarsdale, D.D.
-Nyack,	- - - - -	Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.

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Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the First Reformed Church of Hackensack, N. J., on Tuesday, May 2, 1893, at three o'clock, P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 9.00 o'clock, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Henry Vehslage, who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening from John 4 : 11 : "Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with and the well is deep."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Geo. H. Cotton, D. M. Talmage, H. Vanderwart. Elders, Henry Bell, R. C. Van Wagner.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, W. P. Bruce, E. A. Meury, R. K. Wick, W. W. Knox. Elders, C. C. Westervelt, Tunis VanDerveer.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, S. R. Cunningham, Jas. T. Schock, I. P. Brokaw. Elders, J. S. Ripley, John A. Smock, Edgar Schenck.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, C. H. Jones, Wm. Stuart, Henry Vehslage.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, John B. Thompson, M. H. Hutton, Theo. Shafer. Elder, John Remsen.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, J. R. Verbrycke, Wm. Johnston, J. H. Whitehead. Elders, O. W. P. Westervelt, W. H. Niccols.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, H. E. Nies, J. O. Van Fleet, A. De Witt Mason. Elders, N. Vandine, Chas. Crane, John Witte, M. M. Crane.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, C. F. C. Suckow, N. I. M. Bogert, Taber Knox. Elders, Fred. Bach, Jacob M. Vreeland, John Quick.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, W. E. Davis, B. C. Miller, Jr., P. M. Doolittle. Elders, J. N. Groendyke, J. S. TenEyck, Josiah Cole.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. John B. Thompson was elected President.

Rev. Taber Knox was elected Vice President.

Revs. W. P. Bruce and W. E. Davis were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUESTS OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. M. H. Hutton, G. H. Cotton, Elder C. C. Westervelt.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. C. F. C. Suckow, D. M. Talmage, Elder Fred. Bach.

Sub-Committee.—Rev. Theo. Shafer, Elder J. S. TenEyck, Rev. H. E. Nies, Elder N. Vandine, Rev. Jas. T. Schock, Elder John A. Smock, Rev. E. A. Meury, Elder J. M. Vreeland, Rev. R. K. Wick, Elder Tunis VanDerveer, Rev. S. R. Cunningham, Elder J. S. Ripley, Rev. C. H. Jones, Elder Edgar Schenck, Rev. Wm. Johnston, Elder J. N. Groendyke, Rev. J. R. Verbrycke, Elder Chas. Crane.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. Henry Vehslage, Wm. Stuart, Elder Henry Bell.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. W. W. Knox, A. DeWitt Mason, Elder R. C. Van Wagner.

On Nominations.—Revs. P. M. Doolittle, J. O. VanFleet, Elder Josiah Cole.

On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. N. I. M. Bogert, B. C. Miller, Jr., Elder O. W. P. Westervelt.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Revs. Taber Knox, B. C. Miller, Jr., Elder J. S. TenEyck.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A notice from the Board of Foreign Missions, that Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D. had been appointed to represent it before this Synod.

2. A similar notice from the Board of Domestic Missions that Rev. John S. Gardner had been appointed to appear before this Synod in its behalf.

It was made the order of the day to hear them at the opening of the afternoon session of Wednesday.

3. An invitation from the Broadway Church of Paterson, seconded by the pastors of the other churches in the city, for the Synod to meet next year with them. The invitation was accepted.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for 1892 were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows and the report was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report that the Minutes of General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New York have been placed in our hands. We find nothing in them requiring any action or notice by this Synod. It may, however, not be improper to mention that upon the Minutes of General Synod, 1892, pp. 571, 572, it is recorded that the action of this Particular Synod which led to the appeal of the Third Reformed Church of Philadelphia was confirmed by the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

MANCIUS H. HUTTON,
G. H. COTTON,
C. C. WESTERVELT.

Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted after an interesting discussion and

many personal tributes to the character of the brethren deceased during the year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The examination of these reports from the Classes shows abundant cause for grateful praise to the Head of the Church for the measure of success that has crowned the work of the year.

Three new churches have been added to the list, one each in the Classis of Bergen, Paramus and Passaic.

The reduction in the number of ministers finds its natural parallel in the large number of vacant churches reported, but in many of these cases the gap will probably be filled in the near future.

The accessions to membership are greater than last year, the gain being 85 on confession, and just 100 on certificate, while the subtractions caused by dismissions and deaths are 92 less than last year.

The comparison of the reports of the past and present years is specially encouraging in the matter of the gifts of the churches. In offerings for denominational objects there has been an increase of \$9,062, a part of which is doubtless due to the special effort made to remove the debts of the Boards of Missions ; while other objects of benevolence have also elicited an enlarged liberality. The contributions for congregational uses have, in the mean time, risen above those of last year by the sum of \$46,854.

If there be anything to cast a shade of sorrow over the gladness that should fill our hearts in such a review of our blessed Master's favor and grace, it is in the remembrance of the beloved dead, whose earthly service has been brought to an end during the past year, their transition occurring in the following order : June 13, 1892, Wm. Brownlee Voorhees ; August 19, 1892, John V. N. Talmage, D.D. ; and during the same Summer, Abraham R. VanNest, D.D., of the Classis of Philadelphia ; Nov. 8, 1892, John C. Van Deventer, of the Classis of Paramus ; April 18th, 1893, T. Sanford Doolittle, D.D., of the Classis of New Brunswick. The record of their faithful service warrants the belief that they have realized the blessedness of the believer's death.

" We bow our heads
At going out, we think, and enter straight
Another golden chamber of the King's,
Larger than this we leave, and lovelier."

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY VEHS�AGE, *Chairman.*

In connection with the discussion on this report the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Classis of Philadelphia and all the other Classes comprised in this Synod be requested to exercise greater care in requiring the Consistories under their charge to ascertain, record and report the entire number of baptized non-communicants under their care, as far as possible, and to maintain all the oversight over such children as is contemplated by the constitution and rules of our Reformed church.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion of the Classis of Bergen reports as follows :

All the churches send cheerful reports. A new church has been organized at Hasbrouck Heights, having a settled pastor, and reports vigorous life and prospects of success. The three weak churches of Spring Valley, Secaucus and Guttenberg report regular services and a spirit of work. The additions by confession are larger than last year, acknowledging the presence of the Spirit of God in conversion. The Lord's work has not been in vain. The amount contributed for the denominational work of the church is not as large as last year, by reason of the absence of large personal offerings, but there is evidence that all our churches have contributed more largely, especially for the work of Missions in clearing off the debt. In general, our Classis has abundant reason to bless the Great Head of the Church for His many favors, both temporal and spiritual.

HERMAN VANDERWART, *Chairman*.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to submit its report. Reports have been received by your Committee from all the churches within the classical bounds ; these reports have been tabulated according to the form prepared by the General Synod. Though nothing of very special interest has transpired throughout the Classis, or in any individual church thereof, which demands special mention by your Committee, yet the general review of the year's work calls for the greatest gratitude and inspires the largest hope. We notice, with thankfulness, particularly, increased contributions made by some of the churches to the several Boards of our own denomination.

Bergen.—Reports a very large accession to its fellowship at every

communion ; the demand for pews in the church being greater than the supply ; the formation of a company of the Boy's Brigade ; the introduction of the General Synod's plan of benevolence.

First, Bayonne.—This church also reports a large increase of its membership ; a marked spirit of unity ; the development of the grace of giving ; and increased consecration to the Master's service.

Wayne Street, J. C.—Has made a larger addition to its membership roll than usual, but reports a large number of dismissals ; is cheered by the interest which the younger element in the congregation is taking in church life and work ; all going to show that this church has still an important work to perform in her trying field of labor.

Bergen Point.—During the past year this congregation has passed through the experience of losing the Rev. Jas. F. Riggs, D.D., who has been its efficient pastor for the last eight years ; within the present month, however, (April 6th), the congregation has had installed over it as pastor the Rev. Thos. Edward Inglis, late missionary to India under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Mission. Though the church has lost largely by removals, yet it now looks forward with renewed hope to increasing usefulness and prosperity.

Second, Hudson City.—The consistory reports this church in a most satisfactory condition, the edifice, at times, being too small for the congregation ; may thus have to erect a larger church building in the not far distant future.

Lafayette.—Expresses great thankfulness for the spirit of harmony and earnestness manifested in church work.

Greeneville.—Reports the attendance upon all services as being good, and its offerings sustain its reputation for liberality.

Free, J. C.—This church is doing a good work amid many discouraging circumstances, and bespeaks the heartiest sympathy of the Classis in the same.

South Bergen.—This growing church reports gratifying accessions to its membership, with unusually large losses by removals and deaths ; A matter of considerable interest to the Classis and of great importance to the congregation is the fact that it hopes to dedicate its new church edifice early in the autumn.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. Jas. F. Riggs was dismissed to the care of General Synod, having been called to the Greek professorship in the Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J.

Matthew Muller, graduate of Bloomfield Theological Seminary was received under the care of Classis, and after examination had, was duly licensed, ordained and installed as pastor over the First German Evangelical, J. C., May 8th 1892.

The Rev. Thomas E. Inglis was received into the Classis from the Presbytery of ——— India, and installed pastor over the church at Bergen Point, April 6th, 1893.

Candidates for examination and licensure Charles W. VanZee, Alfred Duncomb, graduates of the Theological Seminary, New Brunswick.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. GRANT,
JACOB VAN HORNE,
GOTTLIEB ANDREAE,

Committee.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Your Committee on the State of Religion respectfully reports as follows :

It has examined carefully the various reports sent up by the churches and finds that slight gains have been made as follows :

Increase in number of families,	16
Increase in number received on certificate,	7
Increase in number of communicants,	19
Increase in number of catechumens,	87
Increase in gifts for denominational objects,	\$174.53
Increase in gifts for congregational purposes,	253.04

Slight losses have been sustained in other directions, but they are so trivial that they are not worthy of special mention.

From the reports of the consistories it is seen that the churches, with one exception, are in a very healthy and satisfactory condition. Only two churches are without pastors, but one of these expects to have one of the members of the graduating class of our Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, become its pastor immediately after his graduation. Nothing of a special nature in the sense of spiritual or revival awakening has occurred in our bounds during the year, nevertheless the spiritual condition of the several churches is in a very satisfactory condition, and the future prospects are everything that could be desired.

Your Committee would recommend the several pastors to interest themselves in the matter of family worship in the homes of their charges as suggested by Rev. N. D. Williamson of the Classis of Michigan.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—During the year Rev. Thomas Morton has been dismissed to the Classis of Albany. The pastoral relationship between the Rev. J. H. Bertholf and the First Reformed Church of

ehold has been dissolved, and Rev. J. H. Bertholf dismissed to the
ssis of Westchester.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAM'L R. CUNNINGHAM, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Report on the State of Religion in the Classis of Newark, for 1893 :
An examination of the church reports for the year ending April 1,
1893, reveals an encouraging degree of spiritual growth and material
progress in the several parishes within the bounds of the Classis. With
one or two exceptions a hopeful, and in some cases even jubilant tone
 pervades the reports. "We are cheerful and thankful in our review of
the year,"—an expression with which one of the reports opens—may
be taken as fairly typical of the whole.

Ten churches report net gains in membership ; 5 have made an ad-
vance over last year in their contributions for denominational, 8 in
those for congregational objects and 4 in total benevolences ; 3 church-
es have fallen off in membership.

The net gain in membership within the bounds of the Classis during
the year has been 174.

While noting these encouraging signs of progress, our satisfaction
in the reported growth of the majority of our congregations should be
tempered not alone by a sense of the greater attainment which was
possibly to be realized in all cases, but also by a retrogression in cer-
tain lines in the case of some communities—of which fact their pastor-
al condition may perhaps be accepted as a partial explanation.

From the several reports of the churches we cull the following ex-
tracts, and present them here as supplying certain interesting details
congregational life and spiritual experience during the year :

Belleville.—Our church has been passing through trials during the
year which have developed the faith and christian character of many
the members, and have shown the weaknesses of others. The ser-
vices have been well sustained and the spiritual interest and profit have
been marked. We are now without a pastor and trust the Great Head
the Church will send us a man after his own heart.

Irvington.—We are cheerful and thankful in our review of the year,
cognizing the goodness of God's hand in the prosperity and peace
with which He has blessed us. The gifts for the benevolent work,
though not large, as compared with some of the reports, are more than
adequate those of the previous year. Our gains in membership have

been undiminished by deaths and dismissions—not one being reported in these columns, as against the large number noted last year. There has been a good attendance at the Sabbath and weekly services; and the work of the Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society have been carried on with vigor and marked success. By the contribution of one dollar each from those who have been baptized by the present pastor, a handsome baptismal font has been purchased, and in their name presented to the church.

New York Avenue, Newark.—Our church looks upward with faith and forward with confidence. We have both heart and hope in the great work God has given us to do. Earnest consecration and liberal contributions indicate real religious life in the membership. We rejoice in the completion of a new and beautiful house of worship, and a constantly increasing attendance on all the services. A spirit of unity and harmony prevails and pervades all the church work. Special services lately conducted here by Rev. Dr. Dean, of Washington, D. C., have deepened the spiritual interest greatly.

Franklin.—Substantial interest in the work of the Master entrusted to us is evinced. There continues to be an improved attendance on ordinances, though losses by death and removal have necessitated a vigorous weeding out of the roll. The financial exhibit suffers somewhat from the change of the congregational year from April 1st to Jan. 1st, thus throwing out of the reckoning for the present year one quarter's income. The pew rents and weekly envelopes nevertheless show that money matters are on a sounder footing. The collections for Domestic and Foreign Missions show a gratifying increase. The unanimous vote of the congregation and consistory that application for a grant in aid from the Domestic Missionary Board be reduced from \$300 to \$200 per annum has served to stimulate to increased liberality. There is good reason to hope that the goal, so long aimed at, of becoming a self-sustaining charge will ere long be reached.

Clinton Avenue, Newark.—The Clinton Ave. Church desires to record its gratitude to God for His continued favor and benediction. Delightful harmony exists among pastor and people. Earnest, aggressive spiritual work has marked the church year, showing itself in large contributions for Home and Foreign work, and various benevolent operations. 87 new members have been added to the roll during the year, 72 of whom came on confession of faith, which brings the present membership of the church to the highest number it has ever had. "Gloria tibi, Deo!"

Trinity Reformed, Newark.—The past year has been one of harmony and encouraging christian work, with constant evidence of the Spirit's

ence ; the church is steadily increasing in numbers and interest ; weekly prayer meetings are well attended, and the Sabbath-school in a prosperous condition. A fund has already been started for a new Sabbath-school room at the rear of the church. The Ladies' Aid Society have pledged themselves to raise \$150, one-half of the sum formerly received from the Board of Domestic Missions, and we hope in a near future to be self-sustaining.

Linden.—We make our report this year under great depression. The place has begun to grow and many new-comers have settled among us, many cases crowding out the old settlers ; but those who come do not supply the place of those who have gone. On the other hand, the services of the Lord's house have been regularly maintained, and both Sabbath and weekly services fairly well attended. Our revenues have been greatly decreased, though our report shows less because we have not included the Sabbath-school fund as we have usually done. Our hope is to hold on until we can interest those who are new to the place, and gradually win and build up from those who seem little interested in religious things. Though cast down we are not in despair ; and our repose is "having done all to stand." To this end we pray the Lord give us His grace and strength.

Christ Church, Woodside.—The year just closed, like those which preceded it, has been marked, at each step of the way, by the unending goodness of Almighty God. The net growth of our church, both in membership and in Sabbath-school, is not as great as we would wish, but is accounted for partly by the fact that our people are constantly coming and going, instead of making Woodside a place of permanent abode. Still, progress has marked each step, in each department of our church work. During the past year we have paid off \$1000 on our mortgage debt, leaving but \$500 to raise before being free and clear. The Womens' Boards of Home and Foreign Missions have done royal work, each having raised larger sums of money than ever before. The Y. P. S. C. E. continues to do good work. The Junior C. E. Society has grown and has given largely to the church as well to the needy poor, in whom the little ones have become deeply interested.

Stone House Plains.—The attendance upon church services has improved within the last few months. Additional sheds are now in course of construction to meet the increased demand. In general the flock is hopeful.

First Reformed, Orange.—The past year has been one of remarkable divine assistance and power. The church building has been enlarged with an addition of one-third to the seating capacity, and fifty have

been added to the communion, twenty-one by letter. With reason therefore do we "thank God and take courage."

Trinity Reformed Church, Plainfield.—The work in the different departments of the church has been well performed. The church services and devotional meetings have been largely attended and the interest has been sustained. The total offerings for boards and funds of the church are slightly less than last year, due to the fact that the balance of our indebtedness—approximating nearly \$5,000—was entirely liquidated. It is with peculiarly grateful hearts that we report our church absolutely free from debt.

German, Plainfield.—To a certain extent the past year has been a year of trial for our small church, but the Lord has been our protector and helper. For years past the Lutherans have endeavored to establish a German Lutheran church here. About a year ago they organized, and ordained and installed a pastor, holding since then regular services every Sunday. This has made us some trouble. But so far we have not suffered much harm, either in the regular attendance on our services, or in the Sunday-school, or financially. On the contrary we have had a small increase in membership and have been able to raise \$300 to relieve our church debt. Besides this, personal zeal for the welfare of our church has increased on the part of many of our members. We trust in the Lord that He will give us the victory after all.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. MARTIN.

Reports from North Newark and West were not received in time to be incorporated before sending report to Classis; only the statistics from these churches are given.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The following are the ecclesiastical changes: Rev. John S. Allen was received April 11, 1892, from the Presbytery of Westchester, and installed pastor of the New York Avenue Reformed church of Newark; Rev. Carlos Martyn, D.D., was dismissed Nov. 1, 1892, to the Presbytery of Chicago; and Rev. Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D., was dismissed April 8, 1893, to the Classis of Paramus.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

It is not only a pleasant and profitable task, but a source of inspiration to formulate a report on the State of Religion. It is highly edifying to study and meditate upon the growth, development and increase of a Classis which you devoutly esteem and love. Figures, sta-

tics are cold, dry, repellent things in themselves, but when we read between the lines, we behold the struggles, aspirations, hopes, fears and faith which gave them birth. They speak of hearts yearning for souls; lives dedicated to a holy cause; self forgotten for another's glory and advancement. They speak of a year of earnest, prayerful effort; increasing watchfulness; the endeavors of men consecrated to high, noble and divine purposes. Who but the individual pastor can tell of the nightly, hourly wrestlings at the throne of Grace for the souls which have crowned his year's work? Who but the man of God ordained for souls can declare the amount of love lavished upon those who are to be won and led by his individual example and efforts? None but the loving pastor can speak of the anxiety, the perplexity of mind and the sorrow of heart, when called upon to suspend one or more whom he thought safe in the love of Jesus. One church has been called upon, for the honor of religion, to deny the blessed privilege of a believer to two of its members. Whatever may have been the fault, the defect of character, the sin which demanded this exercise of power, we know that the pastor's heart bled, and that the blow was as hard for him to deal, as for the offender to receive.

There has been an apparent loss in the census of families to the large number of 36, while in reality only to the extent of 3. There has been a gain of 26 in membership, which is an increase over last year of 21; but by the travesty of figures, we are 35 less in total communion than last year. By making a careful estimate of last year's report and this year's additions and losses, I find that 1 church has reported 27 less than it ought, another 18, another 6, another 6, another 1 more than it ought. One church received none on confession or by certificate, lost one by death, yet has one more member than last year. This truly verifies the scriptural truth, "He being dead yet speaketh." There has been an increase in the number of churches which have obeyed the request of General Synod in filling in the column of baptized non-communicants. Only 3 report no catechumens. There has been one Sunday-school added to our list, with a gain of 78 scholars. Our benevolent and congregational amounts are grand and encouraging in their summing up. The churches have met their obligations nobly and well. It is a pain to report that only 7 out of 12 churches have contributed all the Boards and Funds of the Church. Several speak of exterior and interior improvement and adornment, while others are anticipating the beautifying of their places of worship. This is said simply as a way of admonition for edification and encouragement. The churches themselves can voice far better than I, these vital, holy interests and the work they have so prayerfully and nobly accomplished.

The First Church of New Brunswick reports : " There has been an almost unvarying attendance upon church services, with manifest interest in all branches of church life. On April 12th, 1892, the organization was 175 years old, and we sought to fasten that date by beginning at that time to raise a fund for a new organ. During the year voluntary offerings have been made to that object amounting to about \$1,600. The social life of the church was strengthened by a banquet held in January, 1893, at which only men attended. There were 200 male members of the congregation present. It was an event long to be remembered. Peace and harmony prevail. We earnestly wait for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

The Church of Six Mile Run says : that " The affairs of the church are externally prosperous, attendance upon church services good, and the prayer meetings, Sunday-schools and organizations for christian work well sustained. There has been a gratifying increase in benevolent contributions, while at the same time there has been expended about \$4,000 upon an organ and the changes needed for its accommodation."

The Church of Hillsborough reports : that " We have felt in an increased measure the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. One special season of prayer and praise, which lasted four weeks, drew us nearer to each other, and truly developed the real spirit of christianity in us—brotherly love. Each branch of church work and christian enterprise has been carried on with vigor and faith. The congregation is one in extending Christ's kingdom. We are looking forward and living on the promise of the presence, aid and grace of our Lord and Master. We know that without Christ we can do nothing."

The Church of Middlebush declares that " The year has been one of marked prosperity in temporal affairs. The church building has been renovated within and without ; the parsonage property has also received extensive repairs and improvements. All these large outlays have been more than met by the cheerful offerings of the people. Benevolence has had an increase over previous years. Every department of church work is vigorously prosecuted."

The Church of Griggstown feels that " The past year has been one of quiet continuance rather than signal blessing, though we have to bear testimony to the loving kindness of the Lord manifested in many ways. There has been somewhat of a gain both numerically and financially over the previous year. There has been an advance in the benevolent contributions. The religious life of the congregation has shown itself not in a revival of religion but in a persevering fidelity in the use of the stated means of grace. Our hope is in the name of the

Lord, the hearer of prayer, that He will grant unto us a large measure of His Spirit."

Second New Brunswick states: "That entire harmony has prevailed, as usual. The Sunday-school is in better condition than for many years. The general attendance on public worship has been good, and perhaps that on Sunday evening has increased. The congregation has most happily and successfully celebrated its semi-centennial. As a memorial, the work of erecting a new chapel is on foot, and we hope to report its completion next year. The benevolent contributions show a general advance. The church gave three times its assigned quota toward the debts of the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions. To crown this successful year the consistory needs only ask a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

Bound Brook reports that the pulpit has been supplied for the entire year.

Third New Brunswick makes no remarks.

Church of East Millstone views the past year with pleasure. "The Sunday services have been regularly maintained with pleasing indications of increasing interest. The church is in good working condition. The new chapel with its delightful accommodations for Prayer Meetings, Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor, and social gatherings, is a thing of joy for the generous workers who have made this greatly needed addition to our church conveniences. The year's expenses have been very large, and the money for the unusual outlay has been promptly provided. As when Israel of old gave generously to rebuild the temple the windows of heaven were opened with showers of blessing, so may it prove in our experience."

Church of Metuchen reports: "That all the regular services have been sustained, all of our organizations are in a good healthy condition. More has been raised for benevolence than at any time in the history of the church. Our apportionment was greatly exceeded. Death has robbed us of some very valuable members whose place it will be difficult to fill. General harmony and unity prevail. For all of which we thank God and take courage."

The Suydam Street Church reports: "A year of quiet, steady growth. Each department of church work has been pushed forward with a vigorous yet unassuming effort. There has been a number of accessions to the church. Many of them are heads of families, some are young men, who bring to the church an enthusiastic spirit and a willingness to serve the Lord heartily. One of our members has established a mission down town, and in it on a Sunday and week-day evening our people labor. The Sunday-school is in a flourishing con-

dition. It is steadily growing. The two prayer-meetings are well sustained. The financial condition of the church is good. The only debt is that incurred for the parsonage."

The Church of Highland Park says: "That this little church has been sorely afflicted during the past year by the death of its most active and influential elder, Nelson B. Smock, one of its founders." It speaks of lack of consecration in some, but says "on the other hand, the devotion and consecration of the little band of faithful workers is most encouraging, and meets with deserved success. The prayer meeting has been conducted by the Christian Endeavor Society with most blessed results. The statistics show also an increase of twenty-three per cent. in membership. The envelope system of weekly contributions has been adopted with marked results for good. The church has bought the chapel in which it worships, with the ground and fixtures for \$1,200." The debt of \$375 is being paid in monthly installments. We have begun a church building fund which now amounts to \$285. Annual contributions are made to all the Boards and funds of the R. C. A.; and the people contribute fifty dollars more this year than they did last year toward the salary of the pastor. Assured of the sympathy of the other churches of the Classis, and anticipating the practical results of such sympathy, this little band of christian workers addresses itself to the future with increasing confidence that they have a work to do for the Master here where christian work is greatly needed, and with undoubting faith that the Master will give them grace and strength to do the work to which He calls them.

This showing justifies us in saying that the Lord has established the work of our hands. He has honored us by allowing us to do such great things for Him. May the angel of His presence lead, protect and defend us in our earthly pilgrimage, and receive us at last in the upper and better kingdom.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE SHAFER, *Chairman.*

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The following are the ecclesiastical changes during the past year: On May 20th, 1892, the following students were examined and licensed to preach the gospel, viz: John J. Burkart, Louis Hieber, Henry T. Jones, George A. Luckenbill, Teunis W. Muilenberg, William Stegeman, Thos. P. Vernol, Peter J. Zwemer. On the same date certificates of dismission were given as follows: Mr. Hieber, to the Classis of Rensselaer; Mr. Jones, to the Classis of Kingston; Mr. Luckenbill, to the Classis of Passaic; Mr. Muilenberg, to the Classis of Iowa; Mr. Stegeman, to the Classis of Dakota; Mr.

Vernol to the Classis of Passaic ; Mr. Zwemer to the Classis of Grand River. On April 18th, 1893, it was ordered that the name of S. Du-Bois Demarest should be omitted from the roll, as a licentiate, he having taken his certificate from the 2d Reformed Church of New Brunswick to the Congregational church of Prescott, Arizona, and been ordained by a Congregational body. No changes in the pastorate have taken place. Rev. T. Sandford Doolittle, D.D., LL.D., Professor in Rutgers College, died suddenly on April 18th, 1893, a few hours after the adjournment of Classis.

E. T. CORWIN, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Report on the State of Religion in the Classis of Paramus :

Your Committee would respectfully report that most of the churches have received accessions by confession of faith in the Lord Jesus, and that the Consistorial reports indicate a quiet growth and general prosperity, though no special outpourings of the Spirit or marked ingatherings from the world seem to have been bestowed. In many of the churches there is a notable increase in benevolent gifts to our denominational work, and the sums raised for their own support indicate that the churches are strong in the love of their people. The Classis has been sorely afflicted in the loss by death of two of its ministers who were brethren dearly beloved, and most useful and efficient men of God. They were the Rev. George Seibert, and the Rev. John C. VanDeventer. It pleased the Father to take them in the midst of their days and usefulness, and the churches to which they ministered have deeply lamented their departure. One newly organized church, Clifton, has been added to our roll, and starts upon its career with excellent prospects. We submit a condensed statement from the several churches:

Acquackanonk.—We deem it worthy of remark that with this report to Classis our church closes the two hundredth year of her corporate existence. The church has had a remarkable history in many respects, concerning which it might be said or written : Surely goodness and mercy have followed down the line of these centuries. God has done and is still doing great things for us whereof we are glad.

Broadway, Paterson. The year has been one of usual prosperity. The services on Sabbath and mid-week are well attended. The Sabbath-school is increasing in members and influence. All the societies are in good running order and are doing good work. "The Church Hymnary" has been introduced and is now in use.

First Holland, Paterson.—The pastor, Rev. James Huyssoon, was

compelled by reason of ill-health to relinquish the pastoral work. We have had regular preaching by students from New Brunswick.

Garfield.—The average attendance has been kept up through the Winter and is increasing with the return of Spring. The plan of systematic beneficence recommended by General Synod has been introduced with gratifying results. The people are subscribing nobly towards the parsonage now in process of building. Our people are earnest and united, therefore we confidently look for blessings in the future.

Holland, Passaic.—The year has been marked by great blessings from the Lord, who has helped us graciously through great financial difficulties. Spiritual blessings have also characterized the year. The pulpit has been regularly supplied by a senior student from New Brunswick.

Paramus.—The year has been noted for external prosperity, as is witnessed by the contribution of over \$7,300. The church edifice has been renovated throughout, heated with steam, and supplied with an excellent pipe organ, which is a memorial gift from one of our members. The Sunday-school has been very active and prosperous, and the spiritual condition of the church seems hopeful.

Pascack.—This report abounds with expressions of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church. Financially, the year has been one of unusual prosperity. Improvements have been made to property and debt paid. The Sunday-school and all the Societies are in a flourishing condition. Church discipline has been faithfully administered. As we review the year we feel that activity in church work, the spirit of unity, the increased attendance at services, the addition of members at the last communion, and expectation of others at our next, are evidences of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, for which we thank our Lord.

Piermont.—Besides the statistics has nothing special to report.

Ramapo.—Our Sunday congregations are excellent. Prayer meeting is well attended. Financially we are on a good basis. Our contributions for benevolent objects are not up to the mark where they should be, but we hope to make a better showing next year.

Ridgewood.—Thoroughly united as a people. Excellent attendance at all services. All along the line of church activities life has been earnestly manifested. We are waking up in benevolence slowly. But we need a baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Christian Endeavor Society, numbering nearly seventy, is highly commended as the strong arm of the church.

Second Lodi.—Sends statistics only, but from these we judge that the church is doing well.

Spring Valley, N. Y.—The ministrations of the gospel have been regular, and the Sabbath-school has done its usual good work. The Woman's Christian Association has added a department of Domestic Missions and has an increased interest in all its work. Losses by death and removal have been unusually great. The interest in the second service has not increased, and that in the prayer meeting has not waxed less.

Tappan.—The changes of recent years in this congregation, arising from the location of railroads causing new centres of population and worship, have so changed ancient boundaries and the personnel of its worshippers, that we have almost commenced our existence anew, and that, too, under many unfavorable circumstances. It has been our aim to meet the changed demands and conditions. We begin to indulge the hope that we are progressing in the work, and if slowly, yet surely gaining.

Warwick.—The year has not been marked by anything unusual, unless we except the larger amounts raised for the benevolent work of the denomination. The church is prospering in every department of its work. While the results in some cases have not been such as we hoped for, we have many reasons for encouragement and for thanksgiving to God.

Centreville.—The Sabbath services are regularly attended by a slowly increasing number of people. The population of the village has not increased. The Sabbath-school is well maintained though not quite so large as last year. Looking steadfastly to the Lord we enter hopefully upon another year.

Clarkstown.—We have passed a year of peace and prosperity, and have been enabled to trace the presence of God with us in all the means of grace, which has resulted in a steady as well as healthy growth in the church. A debt of long standing has been provided for, and steps taken toward the erection of a parsonage.

Clifton.—This church makes its first annual report with warm expressions of thanksgiving to God. It has not only been self-sustaining, but even under the unsettled conditions of recent organization and lack of pastoral care has been able to do something for the cause of Christ at large. We expect in the future to sustain ourselves, with help from above, and to do our share under systematic methods, in denominational work. The Sunday-school, which has been under the care of the church, though on a union basis, it is expected will be soon transferred wholly to the church. Two Circles of King's Daughters, a flourishing C. E. Society, and a Ladies' Aid Society, are mentioned as working efficiently in this vigorous young church.

First Holland, Lodi.—Since July we have been without a pastor. Regular services are held each Lord's Day. Extensive repairs to church and parsonage are contemplated before calling a pastor. Members are being added by confession, and the spiritual condition seems healthful.

Nyack.—This church has been called to pass through deep waters of affliction by reason of the death of their beloved pastor, Rev. J. C. Van Deventer. The Rev. William J. Leggett has recently been called to succeed him. The congregation has been entirely united, and the weekly prayer meetings have been strongly sustained.

Second Totowa, Paterson.—There is nothing unusual to report. The regular services of the sanctuary have been maintained, resulting in the average number of accessions, the harmonious working of the church's benevolent activities, and a happy condition of peace and prosperity.

Holland, Wortendyke.—This church has passed through the throes of a secession, but has recovered its property and is becoming re-established rapidly. Congregation is increasing, and Sabbath-school is very satisfactory. Regular services have been held, and much liberality displayed in their support.

West New Hempstead. We are able to report a progress that is encouraging. The tithes have been brought into the store-house, and God's house repaired and decorated. Though conversions have not been secured, evidences in other directions of the success of the word preached have not been wanting.

Ramseys.—No official report has been received. A Sunday-school has been maintained but no regular preaching.

Saddle River.—This church, destitute of a pastor, has maintained services a part of the time though not regularly. The church hopes soon to secure a pastor and resume regular work.

North Passaic.—The church is prospering spiritually and financially, for which we return devout thanksgiving to the Master.

We add the following statement of changes in the ministry as furnished by the Stated Clerk.

Ministerial Changes.—The Rev. Albert A. King was received from the Classis of Passaic April 12, 1892, and installed pastor of the church at Ramapo, May 11th, 1892.

Rev. Eno Haan was dismissed to the Christian Reformed Church in America, May 23, 1892.

The candidate, Walter Winants, was licensed May 23, 1892, and dismissed to the Classis of Orange, June 25, 1892.

The licentiate, George G. Seibert, was received from the Classis of

Bergen May, 23, 1892, and ordained pastor of the First Church of Garfield, N. J., July 5, 1892.

The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Louis G. Jongeneel and the Holland Reformed Church of Lodi, N. J., was dissolved August 1, 1892, and Mr. Jongeneel dismissed to the Presbytery of La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 5, 1892.

The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. James Huyssoon and the First Holland Reformed Church of Paterson, was dissolved October 11, 1892, and Mr. Huyssoon declared emeritus.

The Rev. E. Birdsall was received from the Classis of Rensselaer December 19, 1892, and installed pastor of the First Church of Clifton, N. J., January 12, 1893.

Deaths.—Rev. Geo. Seibert died at Garfield, April 31, 1892.

Rev. J. C. VanDeventer died at Nyack, November 8, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest : WM. H. VROOM, *Chairman.*

THEO. W. WELLES, *Stated Clerk.*

April 13, 1893.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in our churches would report as follows :

Boardville.—Sends no report.

Boonton.—"Gratefully reports a prosperous year. Advance has been the word in every department of church life. While no phenomenal growth has been made during the year, yet the addition of 16 members, extensive repairs and improvements to church property, reduction of debt, and renewed interest in all our work, cheer pastor and people.

Fairfield.—For seven months this church has been without a pastor, yet the stated means of grace have suffered but slight intermission and that through unfavorable weather and bad roads. The Christian Endeavor Society has given aid in maintaining the prayer meeting. The people stand in their places, seeking God's favor with the prayers, that He will send them a pastor to break unto them the bread of life.

Franklin Furnace.—Without a pastor for nearly two years. Yet rejoices in Christ's saving presence. They expect soon, by the settlement of a pastor, to enjoy all of the stated means of grace.

First, Little Falls.—"Regrets that so few have come into the kingdom of Christ, but hopes that the labors performed and seed sown, have not been in vain, and that the fruit will yet come." In the line

of benevolence this church has taken a long step forward. Needed repairs to our church edifice will soon be completed.

Second, Little Falls, (Holland).—Sorrows, in that, while the number of families increases, and their membership gains, they are still without a pastor. Their prayer is for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and that the Lord will send them an under-shepherd to win souls for Christ.

Montville.—Sends statistical table only, with a revision of membership rolls. Yet there is evidence of the Spirit's presence, and benevolence is on the increase.

Sixth Holland, Paterson.—Sends statistical tables only. These indicate life and prosperity. They have just lost their church edifice by fire.

Peoples Park, (Holland,) Paterson.—This church, organized Feb. 24, 1893, reports growth in church membership and Sunday-school. With a church edifice nearly completed, they hope soon to settle a pastor. It is worthy of note that this people has not sought aid from our Church Boards.

Pompton.—"The work of the Lord has prospered in our church. The interest of the people in denominational work is fair. The benevolence of our church this year exceeds the past in every particular. Although extensive repairs have been made to church property, still no debt rests upon the congregation. We pray for the favor and blessing of the Lord upon this part of His vineyard, that the fruitage may be such as shall be honorable before him."

Pompton Plains.—Send statistics only. From these we learn that this church still continues its usual activity in the Master's service.

Ponds.—"The ministrations of the Gospel have been fairly well attended. A few have professed the Saviour and there is good reason to believe that others are seriously considering this question. The subject of benevolence has been faithfully presented, and there is marked progress along this line. The Sunday-school is not without interest and good results are looked for as the result of faithful labor."

Preakness.—Shows a healthful activity; a faithful presentation of the gospel; great zeal in providing liberal things at home and abroad; harmoniously waiting God's time and blessing to provide greater things for them.

Riverside, Paterson.—Gratefully acknowledges God's presence and help in adding to the church of such as shall be saved; in strengthening and uniting his people; progress has marked each department of church life and work; our membership shows a healthful growth; the number of families increases, and benevolence is growing. With the

continued blessing of God and united effort on the part of the people, the future looks more hopeful. "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto things which are before we press forward toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

First Totowa, Paterson.—Sends statistics only; yet, these reveal the fact that this ancient church has renewed her youth, and is doing aggressive work.

Union Reformed, Paterson.—Through a revision of rolls and dismissal of members to form the new church at Peoples Park, a decrease more apparent than real is noticed; yet, a healthful activity is apparent, while a steady decrease of church debt will soon place their edifice free from all encumbrances. Their benevolence to other objects is commendable.

Wyckoff.—Comes with joy and gladness. The only clouds that hover over them are big with mercy. There is peace within "our palaces and prosperity within our walls." A pastor is serving them with faithfulness. Material improvements have been made. The Lord has remembered them with his converting and consecrating grace and seventeen have made profession of their faith in Christ. So they enter the new year greatly encouraged.

These extracts embodying the substances of reports from the various churches indicate a year of prosperity, temporally and spiritually.

Gains are manifest in the number of families. The spirit of benevolence has increased. But the most cheering feature of all is the fact, that while but one church reports a special manifestation of the Spirit's presence, yet a large majority of the churches have received accessions on confession, far beyond the last year. To God be all the glory.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. E. Faulkner and the church of Wyckoff was dissolved May 24, 1892. He was dismissed on March 20th, 1893, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, Pa. The Rev. John A. Trimmer having connected himself with the Diocese of New York, of the Episcopal Church, his connection with this Classis was dissolved. The licentiate, Charles J. Allen, was received from the Presbytery of Washington, D. C. After examination he was ordained and installed as pastor at Pompton Plains, June 4, 1892. The licentiate, Thos. Powell Vernol was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and after examination he was ordained and installed as pastor of the First Reformed Church of Totowa, of Paterson, N. J., June 15, 1892. The licentiate, Geo. A. Luckenbill, was also received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and after examination, was ordained and installed pastor of the Church of Montville, June 16,

1892. On Dec, 27, 1892, Rev. A. Westveer was received from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on Jan. 17th, 1893, he was installed as pastor of the church of Wyckoff. The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. E. Bogardus and the church of Fairfield was dissolved Sept. 1st, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. CHURCH, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

These remarks will apply only to those churches whose reports are in hand on the evening before Classis will meet. Blawenburgh, Stanton, Rocky Hill, Fifth Philadelphia and Talmage Memorial not yet reported. Nothing especially marked has characterized the work of our churches during the year past. All have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity in both spiritual and temporal matters. Results such as may be indicated by figures must vary more or less from year to year, but with the same measure and quality of service, the awards, as God records them, cannot differ materially during any given time. Hence, though the most of our churches report a small number of additions to membership, we are assured that the usual amount of good has been accomplished through the varied activities of our churches. In addition to the preaching of the word and pastoral visitation, our churches are working with much encouragement and increasing zeal, through the Sunday-school, Christian Endeavor and other approved Societies, with the most pleasing and helpful results. One of the very best evidences of spiritual life in our churches is given by our benevolent contributions. The reports from pastors and consistories mention many encouraging conditions, inspiring gratitude for the past and hope for the future.

North and Southampton says: "The varied activities of our church have been carried on without interruption, and with an encouraging measure of interest and endeavor. Our offerings for benevolence have been larger than last year, while our financial record for home work is exceptionally good."

Harlingen reports: "A year of progress." Accessions to the church declare that the word has not been preached in vain. "Our Christian Endeavor Society gives every promise of being a power in our church, especially in fitting our young people to be efficient workers for the Master."

Neshanic mentions: First, that "all temporal necessities have been cheerfully met. Second, continued indulgence in the luxury of mak-

g our church building (audience room), more cheerful and inviting. **bird**, attentive hearing of the word, the maintenance of prayer services in various parts of the congregation, and the support of a flourishing Y. P. S. C. E.

First Philadelphia says: "The devotion to the Sunday and mid-week services continues unabated, and the spirit of liberality is worthy commendation."

Second Philadelphia: "Has had one of the most cheering years in history," with these items mentioned in evidence; a large addition to membership, pastor's salary increased \$200 per annum, extensive repairs on the church building, and a surplus of funds in the treasury.

Fourth Philadelphia: "Has special reasons for gratitude and hope. Services are well attended. The Sabbath-school and other societies in excellent working order, and good results are being witnessed. Social efforts are being made in behalf of young men. A burdensome debt incurred for the parsonage is vanishing away under a new and uncombined effort."

Lover Hill refers with gratitude to the financial relief given by a full legacy, and expresses the wish that "more church members who are means would remember their churches in their wills."

Addisville says: "There is a development in Christ-likeness among the people."

Three Bridges has enjoyed the "continued presence of the Spirit" and reports "growth. Our first year of financial independence has passed more favorably than the most sanguine had hoped, while our devolent contributions show an increase."

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The following changes have occurred during the year: The licentiate, Elias W. Thompson, was on May 30, 1892, received from the Classis of Raritan, and on June 23, 1892, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Talmage Memorial Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William B. Voorhees, for twenty-one years the faithful and loved pastor of the church at Blawenburgh, N. J., on June 13, 1892, entered into the joy of that Lord he had so long and lovingly served. The people he so acceptably ministered unto are still without a pastor.

On Aug. 19, 1892, the Rev. John V. N. Talmage, D.D., whose entire ministerial life had been one of such eminently successful service for a Master in our foreign field at Amoy, China, was called to the home above, to receive his crown.

Also during the Summer the Rev. Abram R. VanNest, D.D., after

many years of faithful and efficient work as a minister of the Lord Jesus, ceased from his labors and entered into the rest of the people of God.

H. P. CRAIG, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your Committee on Classical Report to Synod, would respectfully report that the statistical reports from the churches together with the remarks appended, show a prosperous condition and a steady growth throughout the Classis. Only one church reports any marked increase of membership on confession, that of Bedminster, where a gracious work of the Spirit resulted in an accession of twenty-five; but there have been such additions, baptisms and increase of contributions as to show a general healthy activity and growth.

We call attention to the blankety-blank-blank-blank condition of the column for Baptized Non-communicants, and also (though not to the extent of the former) of the column of Catechumens, and in view of these evils and in obedience to the Resolutions of the Particular Synod of New Brunswick, of 1892, we recommend:

Resolved, That the Classis of Raritan "impress upon the pastors and consistories of the churches under their jurisdiction, the importance of keeping a separate roll of their baptized non-communicants, and that each church be careful to include in its annual report the number enrolled."

Resolved, That the Classis of Raritan, in view of "the importance of the thorough indoctrination of the children of the church in the great truths of the Bible," charges its pastors and consistories most strenuously to seek "to bring them all under distinct and systematic catechetical instruction, and that all so taught be annually reported as catechumens."

The remarks appended to the statistical reports condense as follows:

First, Raritan.—Reports a few additions on confession of faith to each Communion and expresses gratitude that the Spirit's power has not been withdrawn. There has been an increase of conscientiousness in reference to more than one important phase of christian obligation, and particularly among the younger membership. Contributions have been larger than ever before, the gifts for the extinction of the debts of the Mission Boards exceeding by 100 per cent. the amount apportioned. The parsonage debt has been extinguished. Plans for the needed enlargement of the church edifice are being actively canvassed, and harmony has prevailed in the work.

Readington.—Speaks, with gratitude to the good Heavenly Father, of the prevailing healthfulness of the year. All the usual ordinances have been regularly administered and a good degree of interest has been manifested. Preaching has been attended by the Spirit's convincing power, and the prayer meetings have aided much in developing the christian graces. Larger liberality has been manifested. Expenses have been met and a little more, and the ladies have added to a sum to their fund for the renovation of the interior of the church building. In benevolence, having striven hard to make advance and succeeding, does not dishearten but rather nerves to go forward with a firmer resolve to do more for Christ's cause.

Bedminster.—Reports regular services maintained by supplies after the departure of the former pastor, the Rev. J. L. McNair, and until the coming of the present pastor, the Rev. T. Walker Jones, in Dec. 1892. The year has been one of prosperity. Contributions have been systematic and liberal. Three weeks of special services began with a week of prayer. They were well attended and marked by deep interest and the Spirit's presence. Twenty-five were received into the membership of the church at the January communion. The prayer meetings show increased interest and attendance. The Sunday-schools are flourishing. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is in a prosperous condition, eighteen having been added to the active membership. An exposition of the Sunday-school lesson is given each Sunday evening by the pastor and is well attended. The women and children of the congregation show commendable interest in Home and Foreign Missions. The Helping Hand Society is full of zeal and good works. "Altogether our congregation sees much in the year for which to be grateful. To Christ, the great Head of the Church be all the praise!"

Rockaway.—Reports services regular and well attended. In May, 1892, the church celebrated her centennial, postponed from January on account of prevailing sickness. On the first Lord's Day in April, just past, the audience room, renovated and beautified by a substantial sheet steel ceiling, was reconsecrated by special thanksgiving prayers and Easter services. The cost of over \$350 is more than half paid, and about a half of the remainder is provided for. Increased gifts to Boards and Funds are noted, and that the Ladies' Missionary Society is credited with raising very nearly a half of these gifts. An efficient Ladies' Aid Society, Sunday-schools, and a Y. P. S. C. E. are mentioned. The church praises God for increased money gifts, but deplores scanty use of spiritual gifts and prays for advance all along the line.

Lebanon.—Rejoices in continued prosperity. Faithful service for

Christ has not been in vain. Two Christian Endeavor Societies, the Ladies' Home Circle, and the Little Mission Band, have efficiently aided in increasing temporal and spiritual prosperity. God has removed by death some most worthy and willing workers, but He has also called others to take their place. Peace and harmony prevail. For all which the church gives glory to the blessed Lord.

North Branch.—Reports the spiritual growth and activity of members encouraging, as witnessed by attendance at prayer meetings and liberality in providing pecuniarily for the Lord's work at home and abroad. Church expenses have been fully met, and the benevolent contributions tally well with those of previous years. The people have made provision for the Lord's house, and are praying and hoping for the fulfilment of His promised blessing upon it.

Second, Raritan.—Reports stated services held with marked regularity and increased attendance. With no special religious interest the church has flourished in every department, and has grown in numbers notwithstanding heavy loss by death. Prayer meetings have been well sustained, and with increasing interest. The Sunday-school has so flourished as to out-grow its accommodations, and a large overflow is held in the church building every Sunday. A "new church building site" has been purchased for sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000), and a subscription of about thirty thousand (\$30,000) raised toward the erection of a new church building. During the pastor's absence on an extended tour in Egypt and the Holy Land, the congregation both continues his salary and supplies the pulpit. The church feels abundantly blessed temporally, and in these results acknowledges the good hand of God and renders Him thanks.

Peapack.—Reports "nothing special."

Branchville.—Adds no remarks to the statistical report.

Third, Raritan.—Reports that services have been well attended and work has gone on steadily. The church has not been called upon to record the death of any of the membership during the year. The Sunday-school is prosperous, and could be more useful had it more room and arrangements for Bible classes. The Y. P. S. C. E. has been a great help to the young people, the most of whom have been faithful to their meetings. They have begun to contribute regularly to the mission work of the church as recommended by our Boards. In benevolence the church has contributed to the American Tract Society, Somerset County Bible Society, and State Sunday-school Association. The church has met and gone beyond the apportionments for the Mission Boards. For the Domestic Mission Board the church exceeded her quota by about a hundred dollars, and besides gave one hundred and

six dollars and seventy cents toward the debts of the Boards. These sums are largely due to the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Sunday-school.

Pottersville.—Reports public services on the Lord's day and during the week well maintained, though preaching has been omitted several times on account of the sickness of the pastor; yet this has been relieved through the kindness of several brethren. Encouragement is found in increased interest in prayer and the prayer meetings. Seven hopeful conversions, the largest in any year of the present pastorate, intensifies desire and awakens hopefulness in labors for Christ and shows that the Holy Spirit is waiting to be manifested, if the conditions of His promised bestowment are complied with. The various objects of benevolence have been brought statedly before the people, but the result has been by no means proportionate to the large increase of God's gifts during the year. "We need to test the promise of immeasurable blessing by the fulness of our own 'tithe' offerings. (Mal. 3:10.)"

High Bridge.—Appends no remarks to the statistical report.

Annandale.—Reports the regular Lord's Day services maintained without an omission, and the attendance increasing. While additions to membership have been few, the church feels encouraged, and prays the Great Head of the Church to bless the means of grace which she endeavors faithfully to use. The prayer meeting is kept up, the Sunday-school is in good working order, and the C. E. Society is doing good. The church has enjoyed the ministrations of the Rev. A. McWilliam, who preaches the word and performs faithfully all necessary pastoral work, and with whom the people are not only satisfied but pleased, and hope to have him retained.

Fourth, Raritan.—Adds nothing to the statistical report.

Ministerial Changes.—The ministerial changes of the year have been as follows:

May 23, 1892, the theological student, Elias Wortman Thompson, was examined and licensed to preach the gospel, and dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

March 15, 1893, the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry Martyn Voorhees and the church of High Bridge, was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Congregational council of San Bernardino, Southern California.

Rev. T. Walker Jones was received by certificate from the Classis of Illinois, April 11, 1893, and his installation as pastor of the church of Bedminster was appointed for May 4, 1893.

The pastoral relation between Rev. George J. Van Neste and the church of Pottersville was dissolved, to take effect July 1st, 1893.

B. C. MILLER, JR., *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Rec'd.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Tried.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.
			On Confession.	On Certificate.															Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	
First, Hackensack.....	Herman Vanderwart.....	185	20	18	5	3	5	372	4	10	4	10	390	1	450	\$1,677 00	\$898 00	\$7,783 00	Hackensack, N. J.		
Schraalenburg.....	G. H. Cotton, (S. S.).....	90	11	8	3	4	104	4	10	3	10	3	106	1	106	638 00	23 35	2,044 00	Schraalenburg, N. J.		
English Neighborhood.....	Vacant.....	*42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	.....	.....	.....	Ridgfield, N. J.
New Durham.....	Isaac W. Gowen.....	130	30	13	5	3	9	340	37	11	200	25	25	2	1,000	1,083 00	412 00	3,934 00	Weehawken, N. J.		
First, Hoboken.....	Henry Mattice.....	170	25	12	6	12	4	128	12	3	25	30	30	1	1,000	912 00	9 00	1,027 00	Hoboken, N. J.		
Park, Jersey City.....	John F. Morgan.....	240	43	8	15	1	2	140	16	1	.....	.....	30	1	380	192 00	81 00	4,350 00	281 Pavonia ave., J. City.
North, Bergen.....	John Justin.....	62	8	3	.....	.....	.....	96	16	1	.....	.....	.....	1	400	102 00	45 00	2,310 00	Weehawken, N. J.
Second, Hackensack.....	Arthur Johnson.....	142	15	18	5	5	5	271	15	6	.....	.....	200	1	525	898 00	887 00	5,425 00	Hackensack, N. J.
German Ev., Hoboken.....	John Rudolph.....	73	7	.....	15	.....	14	444	123	5	.....	.....	240	1	1,000	68 00	483 00	5,000 00	248 Garden st., Hoboken.
Third, Hackensack.....	John Bomblin.....	66	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	51	.....	.....	.....	80	1	133	15 50	5 00	600 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City.....	Henry Ward, (S. C.).....	70	8	2	3	1	1	124	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	117	180 15	24 09	1,685 00	Closter, N. J.
Palisades.....	Vacant.....	35	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	117	40 67	.....	608 00	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenberg.....	Vacant.....	80	.....	2	2	1	2	33	5	3	.....	.....	250	1	365	166 00	35 00	214 00	Guttenberg, N. J.
Central av., Jersey City.....	Charles S. Wright.....	100	13	3	8	.....	.....	149	25	1	.....	.....	15	1	95	58 00	23 27	3,057 00	877 Bowers st., Jers'y City.
Cherry Hill.....	Wm. Manchee, (S. S.).....	50	5	3	4	.....	.....	62	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	2,674 00	Cherry Hill, N. J.
Secaucus.....	Vacant.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	35	.....	.....	1,305 00	Secaucus, N. J.
Spring Valley.....	Vacant.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	75	.....	.....	51 94	Maywood, N. J.
Westwood.....	David M. Talmage.....	67	2	5	.....	.....	.....	1	87	4	.....	.....	.....	1	166	236 00	20 00	2,688 00	Westwood, N. J.
Oradell.....	John T. E. DeWitt.....	54	12	5	.....	.....	.....	50	5	4	.....	.....	106	1	144	153 00	.....	1,387 00	Oradell, N. J.
Hasbrouck Heights.....	Chas. I. Shephard.....	445	6	20	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50	.....	.....	.....	Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	1,562	287	115	79	4	61	2,885	308	64	330	1,281	21	4,719	.....	\$5,458 00	\$2,946 00	\$46,144 00	.....	

Other Ministers.—William Manchoe, Passaic, N. J.; Isaac E. House, Newark, N. Y.; James H. Ballagh, Missionary, Yokohama, Japan; Frederick Korn, Cincinnati;—Carl Krause, Rob't W. Blake.

* Last year's report.

+ New organization.

† Revised roll.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						B. A. P.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.			Congregational.
															Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brett.....	285	21	24	7	7	561	40	6	200	450	2	890	\$1,427 00	\$1,023 00	\$8,781 00	509 Bergen ave., J. City.	
First, Bayonne.....	Wm. W. Knox.....	275	6	24	5	6	424	21	1	350	400	2	748	594 00	520 24	7,616 00	715 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.	
Wayne st., J. City.....	Paul D. Van Cleef.....	95	6	18	22	3	168	4	1	50	192	1	353	371 03	4,508 00	{ 288 Barrow st., J. City. 291 York st., J. City.		
Bergen Point.....	Thomas E. Ingalls.....	75	3	3	5	2	97	5	5	50	100	1	132	613 00	400 00	4,850 00	63 Lord ave., Bayonne.	
Second, Hudson City.....	E. A. Meury.....	149	11	3	4	21	421	93	8	183	96	1	587	127 22	208 00	4,300 30	14 Sherman Place, J. City.	
Lafayette.....	T. J. Komers.....	110	9	8	11	2	166	3	2	150	220	1	348	912 70	50 00	5,102 83	239 Pacific ave., J. City.	
Greenville.....	Wm. P. Bruce.....	160	5	15	16	2	295	10	3	75	20	1	435	341 00	290 00	4,125 00	39 Danforth ave., J. City.	
Free, Jersey City.....	Charles L. Clist.....	100	9	6	...	...	215	31	2	30	1	250	45 00	3 00	2,050 00	1,000 00	215 Bergen ave., J. City.
Third, Bayonne.....	Vacant.....	62	12	...	4	...	140	14	...	28	39	1	95	...	...	5,439 73	215 Bergen ave., J. City.
South Bergen.....	Wm. D. Grant.....	157	7	12	8	6	258	9	...	...	1	382	155 33	114 73	2,300 00	170 Mercer st., J. City.	
First Ger. Ev., J. City.....	M. Miller.....	113	8	6	...	...	153	33	...	10	1	325	47 00	54 12	1,800 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.	
St. John's Ger. Ev.....	G. Andreade.....	80	26	...	10	...	198	59	...	120	120	2	525	90 00	86 00	1,300 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.	
		1,663	195	119	92	...	62	3,087	322	23	1,360	1,668	15	4,606	\$5,375 21	\$3,024 62	\$51,864 46	

Other Ministers.—James L. Ammerman, Missionary under Foreign Board, Montclair, N. J.; Professor William R. Duryea, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.
Candidates.—Charles W. Van Zee and Alfred Duncombe, New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.							C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Recd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.			Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.
														Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total			Other Objects.	Denomina- tional Objects.	
First, Freehold...	† Charles W. VanZee...	90	0	0	3	0	2	244	1	0	.....	200	2	200	\$ 86 71	\$22 09			\$2,000 00	Marlboro, Mon. Co., N. J.
Holmdel.....	{ Wm. Kelley, (Em.)... { A. Hageman, (S. C.)... { C. Spaulding, (Em.)... { J. F. Harris.....	95	6	0	6	1	2	197	5	3	.....	100	1	165	441 12	62 12			1,741 32	Freehold, Mon. Co., N. J. Holmdel, Mon. Co., N. J. { Elizabeth ave., Newark. { Spotswood, Middlesex Co.
Spotswood	Charles D. Buck.....	50	7	2	0	0	3	79	2	2	.....	35	1	60	140 06	3 00			1,010 00	Middletown, Mon. Co., N. J.
Middletown.....	Isaac P. Brokaw.....	40	4	6	3	0	0	97	0	2	.....	180	1	60	189 05	30 80			1,124 76	Freehold, Mon. Co., N. J.
Second, Freehold.....	J. T. Schock.....	122	5	18	1	8	306	10	2	.....	180	1	200	996 70	68 90			2,570 00	Keyport, Mon. Co., N. J.	
Keyport.....	J. T. Schock.....	43	10	2	5	0	0	95	1	2	.....	33	14	1	76	72 25			1,187 12	Long Branch, Mon. Co., N. J.
Long Branch.....	A. B. Herman.....	*106	6	2	4	0	5	*143	4	5	.....	.....	1	108	229 58	7 00			1,762 72	Colts Neck, Mon. Co., N. J.
Colts Neck.....	S. R. Cunningham.....	*89	3	2	3	0	5	*137	1	6	.....	.....	1	105	87 23	13 38			1,338 45	Highlands, Mon. Co., N. J.
Highlands.....	Vacant.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	1	92	.....	.....			.....	Asbury Park, Mon. Co., N. J.
Asbury Park.....	E. C. Scudder.....	65	6	3	0	0	30	1	5	.....	13	43	1	90	141 00	6 00			1,560 00	Asbury Park, Mon. Co., N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	720	47	44	28	3	27	1,388	25	21	.....	572	11	1,206	\$2,383 70	\$213 29			\$14,292 37	

* Revised list.

† Pastor elect.

Other Ministers.—Samuel Lockwood, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Freehold, Monmouth County, N. J.; Elias Mead, East Orange, N. J.; Edward Cornel, suspended from the ministry.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	No. of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Lied.	Total now in Com- munion.	No. of Baptized.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.		
										Infants.	Adults.				Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.			
Belleville.....	Vacant.....	140	14	14	10	0	2	231	9	3	100	130	1	175	\$ 527 01	\$ 113 78	\$2,759 61	Belleville, N. J.	
First, Newark.....	Vacant.....	255	14	14	0	0	0	466	7	5	500	500	80	2	500	335 99	1,579 63	8,907 49	Newark, N. J.
Irvington.....	H. Vehslage, (S. C.).....	102	11	13	5	0	0	181	7	5	80	140	1	240	65 00	7 00	1,560 00	Irvington, N. J.	
N. Y. Ave., Newark.....	John S. Allen.....	124	16	15	5	3	3	290	6	4	140	208	115	1	390	451 77	6 00	6,009 87	Newark, N. J.
Franklin.....	William Stuart.....	92	1	0	0	3	11	107	5	1	208	6	2	115	94 94	6 00	1,340 81	Franklin, Essex Co.	
North, Newark.....	David Waters.....	287	8	6	20	11	628	6	2	75	60	38	1	297	28 00	1,486 74	10,726 37	Newark, N. J.	
West, Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	85	20	6	5	4	257	75	60	83	229	229	2	730	6,041 15	195 00	1,649 50	Newark, N. J.	
Clintonave., Newark.....	Daniel H. Martin.....	256	72	15	12	6	541	12	26	3	83	229	2	730	6,041 15	195 00	8,057 86	Newark, N. J.	
Trinity, Newark.....	Richard P. Milliken.....	100	13	3	2	4	153	3	2	83	229	229	2	730	6,041 15	195 00	1,525 19	Newark, N. J.	
Linden.....	Supplied.....	39	0	0	6	0	41	5	8	3	83	229	2	730	6,041 15	195 00	860 11	Linden, N. J.	
Christ, Woodside.....	Charles H. Jones.....	186	3	19	12	6	249	8	3	3	83	229	2	730	6,041 15	195 00	3,627 94	Newark, N. J.	
Stone House Plains.....	Supplied.....	45	...	...	...	...	94	10	7	7	69	10	7	338	84 86	439 77	1,065 00	Brookdale, N. J.
Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	21	29	23	7	569	10	7	7	7	69	10	7	338	84 86	439 77	1,065 00	Brookdale, N. J.	
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Cornelius Schenck.....	240	17	25	10	516	14	5	5	5	225	225	1	425	2,130 29	385 56	42,954 04	East Orange, N. J.	
German, Plainfield.....	Frederick Koechl.....	50	7	...	...	...	86	10	...	...	...	4	1	425	890 33	276 01	9,088 48	Plainfield, N. J.
Avondale.....	Vacant.....	10	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	83	...	...	1	65	35 00	950 00	Avondale, N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	2,002	217	140	123	60	4,352	170 58	624 1,207	20 4,947	\$23,828 73	\$4,794 49	\$61,087 27						

* Revised roll.

† Exclusive of Minister's Support.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Geaner, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 344 Summer ave., Newark, N. J.; Wm. G. E. See, 1022 State street, Schenectady, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.			Congregational.
																Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		
First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman.	265	15	15	5	15	214	734	23	5	0	150	1	428	\$1,300 00	\$1,300 00	\$6,149 00	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Six Mile Run.	Geo. M. S. Blauvelt.	*117	1	1	1	12	4	276	7	2	60	0	5	240	1,153 00	192 00	4,662 00	Franklin Park, N. J.	
Hillsborough.	Theodore Shafer.	149	10	11	13	9	312	78	8	2	50	100	7	230	331 39	181 39	1,430 42	Millstone, N. J.	
Middlebush.	James LeFevre.	80	1	2	1	1	1	175	2	1	1	500	1	120	552 00	46 00	3,266 00	Middlebush, N. J.	
Griggstown.	James L. Southard.	51	2	2	1	2	1	114	1	1	1	252	2	93	178 00	42 00	930 00	Griggstown, N. J.	
Second, N. Brunswick.	Manicus H. Hutton.	179	5	18	7	6	409	6	2	1	44	265	2	346	2,127 33	733 05	6,277 01	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Bound Brook.	Vacant.	60	3	1	6	4	122	0	2	1	15	3	1	125	20 00	27 75	1,153 33	South Bound Brook, N. J.	
Third, N. Brunswick.	Carl Meyer, (S. S.).	12	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	0	3	40	0	40	38 15	15 06	290 00	New Brunswick, N. J.	
East Millstone.	A. Faige Pecke.	55	4	12	2	1	148	8	1	1	88	127	47	88	127 47	15 06	3,434 83	East Millstone, N. J.	
Metuchen.	Garret Wyckoff.	65	4	5	1	2	123	4	2	1	85	1	100	491	100	62	1,533 00	Metuchen, N. J.	
Saydam st., N. Brunswick.	Alan D. Campbell.	60	10	14	6	0	200	3	3	1	166	1	225	469	22	52	3,996 73	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Highland Park.	John B. Thompson.	24	4	7	0	0	59	2	3	1	25	0	1	98	23 88	5 48	842 19	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Total.	Total.	1,147	60	78 65	2 48	2 69	2 69	64	19	144	931	232 093	\$6,792 01	\$2,549 66	\$83,864 61				

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, T. Sanford Doolittle,† Ralph Willis, E. T. Corwin, (S. C.), all of New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark N. J.; Edward Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; A. F. Todd, Raritan, N. J.; Eugene Booth, Yokohama, Japan; A. McWilliams, Somerville, N. J.

Candidates—T. De Witt Reiley, Lewiston, Pa.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.; Alex. G. VanAken, New Brunswick, N. J.

* Revised roll.

† Died April 18th, 1893.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	BAP.		Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.				
				On Confession.	On Certificate.					Adults.	Infants.				Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.			
Acquanconck.....	John Gaston.....	150	8	7	8	4	2	363	200	1	356	\$1,859 00	\$772 52	\$5,565 09	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.				
B'dway, Paterson.....	N. H. VanArsdale.....	100	7	1	4	2	2	209	100	1	238	614 00	114 00	4,661 00	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.				
Centerville.....	Anson DuBois.....	20	18	1	5	1	1	19	25	1	80	49 76	177 60	1,277 91	Athena, Passaic Co., N. J.				
Clarkstown.....	Eugene Hill.....	80	16	8	5	1	1	172	129	1	170	282 79	177 60	1,432 54	W. Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.				
First, Clifton.....	E. Birdsall.....	44	14	40	1	1	1	54	129	1	129	131 61	77 79	1,473 00	Clifton, Passaic Co., N. J.				
1st Holland, Pat'n.....	Vacant.....	82	1	1	1	1	1	141	75	1	101	49 68	68 77	705 39	Paterson, Passaic Co., N. J.				
Garfield.....	George G. Seibert.....	53	1	3	1	1	1	51	75	1	104	25 20	2 81	1,437 36	Garfield, Passaic Co., N. J.				
Holland, Lodi.....	Vacant.....	44	11	4	1	1	1	3	60	1	80	15 00	5 00	525 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.				
Holland, Passaic.....	Vacant.....	20	20	6	4	4	15	300	125	1	175	51 25	15 00	1,600 00	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.				
Hol'd, Wortendyke.....	Vacant.....	47	14	14	137	3	1	82	250	1	435	4,250 02	100 71	475 00	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.				
North Passaic.....	J. H. Whitehead.....	95	21	14	8	3	323	4	3	164	1	224	1,510 45	79 65	4,133 98	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.			
Nyack.....	W. J. Leggett.....	146	5	4	8	6	3	300	117	1	224	1,510 45	79 65	3,760 42	Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.				
Paramus.....	William H. Vroom.....	110	4	3	2	1	2	197	50	1	224	412 08	97 61	6,872 29	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. Y.				
Pascack.....	Edward Lodewick.....	100	5	1	5	4	1	130	150	1	224	202 00	9 42	2,617 22	Park Ridge, Bergen Co., N. J.				
Piermont.....	J. Russell Verbruyke.....	63	2	1	1	1	1	131	85	1	121	228 39	84 22	2,610 45	Piermont, Rockland Co., N. Y.				
Ramapo.....	A. A. King.....	68	6	6	1	1	1	80	70	2	230	49 00	7 00	1,200 00	Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.				
Ramseys.....	Vacant.....	120	7	19	5	3	207	11	60	1	235	384 27	140 72	3,958 06	Ramseys, Bergen Co., N. J.				
Ridgewood.....	J. A. Van Neste.....	39	1	2	4	3	70	11	60	1	235	85 00	107 71	690 00	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.				
Saddle River.....	Vacant.....	42	6	4	4	3	70	11	3	54	1	152	85 00	1,418 00	Saddle River, N. J.				
Second, Lodi.....	William Johnson.....	180	19	5	1	2	367	18 3	200	1	550	696 00	551 67	3,911 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.				
Second, Totowa.....	{ J. H. Duryea, (Em.) { J. W. Welles, (S. C.)	78	1	1	8	7	110	5	1	50	155	1	195	281 00	79 Hamilton ave., Paterson, N. J.				
Spring Valley.....	Cornelius E. Crispell.....	60	1	1	8	7	110	5	1	50	60	43	7 52	1,159 00	Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N. Y.				
Tappan.....	M. N. Oliver.....	133	8	12	5	9	233	2 4	60	1	105	21,459 59	278 18	1,067 65	Tappan, Rockland Co., N. Y.				
Warwick.....	Peter Crispell.....	49	13	8	5	1	104	2	22	4	69	126 01	2 37	3,661 65	Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y.				
WestNew Hempst'd.....	Thos. T. Dusenberre.....	2,003	163	159	81	5,66	3,862	185	34	1,678	2,247	30,4316	\$12,872 65	\$2,705 07	Viola, Rockland Co., N. Y.				
Total.....	Total.....	2,003	163	159	81	5,66	3,862	185	34	1,678	2,247	30,4316	\$12,872 65	\$2,705 07	\$56,749 87				

Other Ministers—Robert M. Offord, New York Observer, 37 and 38 Park Row. New York City; Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Wm. W. Lelton, Al-
lendale, Bergen Co., N. J.; James Huyssoon, (Em.), Paterson, N. J.
? By printer's mistake last year's Synod's report was \$1,000 short. * Revised list. † 24 to newly formed church of Clifton.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	Number of Families.					Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.		Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Enrollment. Total.	Benevolent.		Congregational.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dis- missed.	Sus- pended.	Died.		Denomi- tional Objects.	Other Objects.										
N. & Southampton.	H. P. Craig.....	115	7	4	10	3	207	231	3	2	.....	271	4	332	\$447 38	\$18 00	\$1,708 69	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.	
Harlingen.....	Francis M. Kip, (S. C.)	140	7	7	16	3	237	241	3	2	.....	.....	45	215	293 77	21 62	1,590 16	Harlingen, New Jersey.
Neshanic.....	John Hart.....	140	6	7	13	4	218	218	3	.....	.....	.....	44	390	381 46	61 75	2,100 00	Neshanic, "
First, Philadelphia	P. H. Milliken.....	100	1	2	3	4	254	3	.....	.....	.....	160	1	223	1,548 00	139 00	2,721 00	1433 Poplar st., Phila., Pa.
Second, "	Wm. H. Tracy.....	224	31	2	6	5	343	407	12	16	.....	436	3	497	830 79	223 50	9,236 30	519 Brown st., Phila., Pa.	
Fourth, "	Taber Knox.....	140	10	6	13	3	404	407	16	1	.....	200	1	110	223 00	154 00	3,262 00	145 Grape st., Phila., Pa.	
Blawenburgh.....	Vacant.....	90	4	5	2	1	166	2	3	.....	.....	8	1	40	86 72	.....	.....	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton.....	James Bolton, (S. S.)	82	7	6	2	3	160	2	3	.....	.....	.....	1	40	75 85	.....	800 00	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill.....	N. I. M. Bogert.....	75	5	1	8	1	131	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	70	47 53	7 03	950 00	Clover Hill, N. J.
Rocky Hill.....	Vacant.....	66	5	5	5	8	114	4	1	.....	.....	.....	1	105	158 70	.....	802 00	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Fifth, Philadelphia	C. F. C. Snickow.....	156	5	5	2	6	241	35	1	.....	.....	28	4	314	213 00	132 00	1,951 00	2223 E. Sus. ave., Phila., Pa.
Addisville.....	S. O. Lawing.....	50	5	6	2	1	107	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	242	300 72	.....	1,169 64	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
Three Bridges.....	O. M. Voorhees.....	68	2	4	7	2	142	2	.....	.....	.....	60	1	108	116 42	7 25	1,049 09	Three Bridges, N. J.
Talnage Memorial	E. W. Thompson.....	77	11	22	.....	.....	68	10	3	.....	.....	.....	1	140	43 00	.....	1,640 17	425 Lyceum ave., Phila.
Total.....	Total.....	1,523	97	60	86	2	2,799	96	27	.....	.....	1,103	29	3,120	\$4,676 34	\$918 15	\$28,973 05	

* Revised list.

† Non-resident members.

‡ One Union.

§ Pastor's salary not included.

Other Ministers.—C. E. Gramm ; A. Stoll, Balpore, India.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. BAP.							C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.	
															Other Objects.			Denomina- tional Objects.
First, Raritan.....	J. P. Searle.....	235	8	20	6	10	512	7	1	200	1	350	1	350	\$337 00	\$1,370 00	\$4,857 00	Somerville, N. J.
Readington.....	B. V. D. Wyckoff.....	195	4	8	4	3	315	5	7	100	4	250	1	250	86 87	303 83	2,038 11	Readington, N. J.
Bedminster.....	T. Walker Jones.....	100	25	4	5	3	234	2	7	100	1	160	1	160	127 87	587 16	1,581 83	Bedminster, N. J.
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis.....	220	6	6	4	3	346	1	1	.....	4	250	4	250	52 65	124 95	2,314 97	Lebanon, N. J.
Rockaway.....	B. C. Miller, Jr.....	105	1	6	7	3	241	12	0	92	6	286	5	286	.....	170 38	1,436 08	Rockaway, N. J.
North Branch.....	P. M. Doolittle.....	129	2	10	9	2	166	6	1	70	2	149	2	149	111 94	425 23	1,323 85	White House Station, N. J.
Second, Raritan.....	Edward G. Read.....	227	7	36	14	13	581	7	1	400	1	492	1	492	97 92	1,006 05	4,692 89	North Branch, N. J.
Peapack.....	Vacant.....	115	3	5	4	2	200	0	0	.....	3	153	1	153	11 76	134 26	1,323 85	Somerville, N. J.
Branchville.....	Geo. Davis.....	111	3	3	5	4	213	4	2	200	1	243	3	243	257 06	216 02	4,692 89	Peapack, N. J.
Third, Raritan.....	Wm. H. DeHart.....	156	6	12	11	0	343	16	2	200	1	243	3	243	58 29	772 77	917 27	South Branch, N. J.
Pottersville.....	George J. Van Neste.....	60	3	0	7	1	115	2	2	8	3	99	101	15	6 97	101 15	741 82	Raritan, N. J.
High Bridge.....	Vacant.....	75	2	.....	1	2	137	2	1	.....	30	1	120	109 17	71 09	58 60	1,357 58	Pottersville, N. J.
Annandale.....	Alex. McWilliam, S. S.....	66	4	.....	0	0	76	4	1	.....	11	1	78	22 25	.....	22 25	809 32	High Bridge, N. J.
Fourth, Raritan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	233 53	Somerville, N. J.
Total.....	.....	1,839	79	117	77	150	3,595	80	16	92	1,019	28	2,722	\$5,401 82	\$1,219 42	\$25,706 53	.....	.....

Other Ministers—H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; John F. Merick, (S. C.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; Abram N. Wyckoff, Bedminster, N. J.; Charles H. Pool, Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.; Joel Loucks, Palatine Bridge, N. Y.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; George J. Van Neste, Pottersville, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1893.

CLASSES.	REC'D.			BAPTIZED.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.				STATED CLERKS.						
	Churches.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Infants.	Adults.	Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.							
													Died.		Suspended.	Total now in Com-munion.	Denomina-tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Classis of Bergen.....	20	19	2	1,562	287	115	79	4	51	2,885	308	64	330	1,281	21	4,719	\$5,458 00	\$2,946 00	\$46,144 00	Henry Ward
South Classis of Bergen.....	12	14	2	1,663	195	119	92	...	62	3,057	322	23	1,390	1,608	15	4,905	5,375 21	3,024 62	51,864 46	Robert K. Wick.
Classis of Monmouth.....	10	13	...	720	47	44	28	3	27	1,388	25	21	46	572	11	1,206	2,383 70	213 39	14,292 37	A. Hageman.
Classis of Newark.....	16	15	...	2,002	217	140	123	...	60	4,352	170	58	624	1,207	20	4,942	21,828 73	4,794 49	61,087 27	Henry Veblage.
Classis of N. Brunswick.....	12	20	3	1,147	60	78	65	2	48	2,697	64	19	144	931	23	2,093	6,792 01	2,549 66	33,864 61	E. T. Corwin.
Classis of Paramus.....	25	24	...	2,003	163	159	81	5	66	3,862	185	34	1,678	2,247	30	4,316	12,872 65	2,705 07	56,749 87	Theo. W. Welles.
Classis of Passaic.....	17	15	...	1,863	197	146	86	3	38	2,806	194	37	2,146	1,501	21	3,138	3,060 90	796 42	37,917 13	J. O. Van Fleet.
Classis of Philadelphia.....	14	14	...	1,523	97	60	86	2	40	2,709	96	27	.....	1,163	29	3,120	4,676 34	918 15	28,973 05	F. M. Kip.
Classis of Raritan.....	14	19	...	1,838	79	117	77	1	50	3,595	80	16	92	1,019	28	2,722	5,401 82	1,219 42	25,706 53	John F. Mesick.
	140	153	7	14,322	1,342	978	727	20	452	27,521	1,440	309	6,419	11,529	198	30,861	\$87,556 36	\$19,167 12	\$56,599 29	

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The following report of the Committee on Classical Minutes was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on Classical Minutes would respectfully report that the Minutes of all the Classes have been referred for examination to the Sub-Committees, whose reports are as follows :

Classis of Bergen.—Minutes examined and found correct :

Question 2d. 3 Yes. 5 No. 2 in part. 10 No report.

“ 3d. 10 Yes. 10 No report.

WM. JOHNSTON,
J. N. GROENDYKE.

South Classis of Bergen.—Your Committee would respectfully report that it has examined the Minutes of the South Classis of Bergen, and finds them to have been correctly kept.

Question 2d. 8 Yes. 3 No. 1 No report.

“ 3d. 10 Yes. 1 No. 1 “

H. E. NIES,
N. VANDINE.

Classis of Monmouth.—The Committee has examined the Minutes and finds them correct.

Question 2d. 3 Yes. 4 No. 3 No report.

“ 3d. 7 Yes. 3 No report.

THEODORE SHAFER,
J. S. TEN EYCK.

Classis of Newark.—The Committee would report that the Minutes of this Classis are correctly kept in every particular.

Question 2d. 8 Yes. 6 No. 2 Not reporting.

“ 3d. 14 Yes. 2 Not reporting.

CHARLES H. JONES.
EDGAR SCHENCK.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Your Committee would report that it has examined these Minutes and has found them, so far as it knows, correct.

Question 2d. 12 Yes.

“ 3d. 12 Yes.

R. K. WICK,
TUNIS VAN DERVEER.

Classis of Paramus.—Your Committee examining the Minutes of Classis of Paramus has found the book neatly and correctly kept.

Question 2d. 8 Yes. 11 No. 5 No report.

“ 3d. 15 Yes. 6 No. 3 “

J. R. VERBRYCKE.

Classis of Passaic.—Your Committee has examined the Minutes of Classis of Passaic carefully and find them correctly, neatly and regularly kept.

Question 2d. 8 Yes. 6 No. 2 No report.

“ 3d. 14 Yes. 2 No report.

S. R. CUNNINGHAM,

J. S. RIPLEY.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Minutes found to be correct in every particular.

Question 3d. 6 Yes. 7 No.

“ 3d. 11 Yes. 2 No. 1 Not reporting.

JAS. T. SCHOCK.

Classis of Raritan. —Your Committee on the Minutes of the Classis of Raritan finds these Minutes correctly kept and the Constitution-Questions Nos. 2 and 3 are answered Yes, with one exception.

EMIL A. MEURY,

JACOB M. VREELAND.

All of which is hereby submitted.

C. F. C. SUCKOW.

D. M. TALMAGE,

FRED. BACH.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported that no letters had been presented to them for consideration.

The report was accepted.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

A resolution was adopted as follows :

WHEREAS, This Synod is composed of those who are not only members of the christian church but also mostly citizens of the State of New Jersey, and who have a right to be heard on all matters of morals which concern them both ; therefore

Resolved, That in common with good men of all political parties, we protest against that action of the late session of the State Legislature which is popularly known as " the race-track legislation," and which was intended to legalize and foster gambling. We deprecate the temptations thus encouraged, which tend to demoralize all classes of society, especially young men ; and we call upon all to whom we may fitly speak, to further the repeal of such obnoxious legislation by all proper means in their power. We affectionately enjoin upon all in our communion to consider their duty and responsibility in this matter, reminding them that the sin directly encouraged by the above mentioned legislation is one which our church in its Office for the administration of the Communion distinctly places among those which are forbidden to those who are to be admitted to the Lord's table.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

Rev. Dr. Peter Stryker and Rev. John S. Gardner appeared before the Synod in behalf of the Foreign and Domestic Boards respectively, with clear and earnest statements of the large work accomplished the last year, and the larger work still waiting to be done, to whom the Synod by vote extended its hearty thanks.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee recommends that this Synod heartily approve and commend to its churches the report and the succeeding action of the Committee of General Synod on Systematic Beneficence.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER CRISPELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer, Mr. C. H. Harris, presented his report, which was as follows :

DR.		
do balance as per last report.....		\$207 52
392.		
Oct. 4. Classis of Paramus.....		27 50
Oct. 15. " Passaic		20 50
Oct. 28. " Raritan		25 25
Oct. 31. " Philadelphia		24 50
Dec. 2. " South Bergen.....		17 50
Dec. 24. " New Brunswick.....		13 75
893.		
Jan. 2. " Monmouth		11 00
Apr. 6. " Bergen		17 50
Apr. 22. " Newark		17 75
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		\$382 77
CR.		
Oct. 3. By postage, stationery and expressage from June 2, 1891, to May 2, 1892.....		\$2 55
" Postage May 2, 1892, to June 17, 1892.....		1 32
" Telegram on appeal case.....		93
" Postage and expressage on minutes of '92.....		6 38
" Expenses of Synod, sexton's fee, &c.....		14 00
" Salary of Stated Clerk for 1892.....		50 00
" Printing Minutes of 1892.....		101 28
		<hr/>
		176 41
Balance on hand.....		<hr/>
		\$206 36

The report was received and referred to the Committee on Treasurer's accounts, who reported that they had examined them and found them correct.

The Treasurer was empowered to lay the usual assessment upon the churches, but in view of certain doubts as to the present equitability of the assessment, Revs. P. M. Doolittle and H. E. Nies, with the Treasurer, were appointed a Committee to revise the assessment.

They reported as follows, and their report was accepted and adopted:
Report of Committee on rule for Assessments :

Resolved, That our Treasurer take as a basis for assessing the Classes, the sums expended by said Classes, respectively, for Congregational Purposes, during the term of the five years next preceding.

P. M. DOOLITTLE,

H. E. NIES,

C. H. HARRIS.

ARTICLE XVII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod appointed 9 o'clock, A. M., 2.30 P. M. and 7.30 P. M. as the hours of meeting, and 12 M. and 5 P. M. as the hours of adjournment.

Revs. H. Vanderwart, W. P. Bruce and Elder Jacob M. Vreeland were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises. They recommended that the Lord's Supper be celebrated by the Synod and Congregation immediately after the delivery of the Synodical sermon, on Tuesday evening, the services to be conducted and the liturgy read by the President ; Rev. W. W. Knox to distribute the bread, Rev. C. H. Jones to distribute the wine, Elders C. C. Westervelt, J. M. Vreeland, Henry Bell and Chas. Crane assisting.

The services were duly carried out according to this order.

The first hour after the opening of the Synod and the first hour of Wednesday's session were occupied with devotional exercises of unusual interest and solemnity.

Rev. S. D. Jones, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. R. Kuebler, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Hackensack, being present, were recognized and invited to participate in the exercises of the Synod.

The Committee on Nominations recommended that Rev. Prof. J. F. Riggs be invited to make the address before next Synod, Rev. C. F. C. Suckow being his Secundus, the speaker to choose his topic.

Rev. W. W. Moffett, District Secretary of the American Bible Society, was heard by the Synod on Wednesday afternoon, in behalf of the work of that Society.

The Synod adopted a resolution of thanks as follows :

Inasmuch as this Synod has enjoyed the very kind hospitality of the good people of Hackensack who have entertained us royally in their homes, we therefore desire to extend to the pastor of this church and consistory, to the families whose guests we have been during the sessions of this Synod, and to the organist and choir of this church, hearty thanks for their kindness.

It was ordered on resolution that the Synod return to the former custom of observing the Lord's Supper on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. J. Preston Searle delivered an address on Wednesday evening "Our Missionary Opportunity in the West." It was resolved that sincere thanks of this Synod be extended to the speaker for his excellent and able address, and that the Stated Clerk be empowered to care for the publication of the same in the *Christian Intelligencer*.

ARTICLE XVIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following having been nominated by the Classes were confirmed :

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

v. Charles S. Wright,	Elder Charles H. Harris,
" Herman Vanderwart,	" C. S. Cooper,
" Henry Ward,	" J. J. Demarest,
" William Manchee,	" Thomas M. Ward.

SECUNDI.

v. George H. Cotton,	Elder Henry Bell,
" John Bombin,	" N. B. Zabriskie,
" John Rudolph,	" J. C. Meharg,
" Henry Mattice,	" A. E. Sage.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

v. Cornelius Brett,	Elder John J. Toffey,
T. J. Kommers,	" W. M. Imbrie,
W. D. Grant,	" Jacob Van Horne.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. W. Knox,	Elder W. D. Oliver,
“ C. L. Clist,	“ Geo. Carrigan,
“ M. Miller,	“ Herman Bruns.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Jas. T. Schock,	Elder J. W. Schultz,
“ J. F. Harris,	“ Wm. Frishmuth,
“ Chas. D. Buck,	“ Chas. Tindall.

SECUNDI.

Rev. I. P. Brokaw,	Elder Geo. S. Jones,
“ C. Spaulding,	“ J. S. Ripley,
“ A. Hageman,	“ Edgar Schenck.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARI.

Rev. D. H. Martin,	Elder J. H. Condit,
“ Wm. Stuart,	“ W. H. Kirk,
“ Geo. S. Bishop,	“ Jacob Simonson, M. D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. Vehslage,	Elder Geo. L. VanEmburch,
“ Charles E. Hart,	“ William E. Geer,
“ Oscar Gesner,	“ Isaac G. King.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Jas. LeFevre,	Elder C. S. Edgar,
“ P. T. Pockman,	“ Austin Scott,
“ G. Wyckoff,	“ P. C. Staats.

SECUNDI.

Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt,	Elder Henry VanDoren,
“ A. D. Campbell,	“ Garret Baird,
“ J. L. Southard,	“ F. Edgar.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARII.

ie Hill,	Elder Isaac C. Haring, M. D.
Crispell,	" P. S. Van Orden,
Crispell,	" Thos. Welling,
. Vroom,	" T. V. B. Zabriskie.

SECUNDI.

Blauvelt,	Elder J. B. Pomeroy,
Gaston,	" S. R. Blauvelt,
Oliver,	" A. C. Holdrum,
VanArsdale,	" Peter Quackenbush.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Nies,	Elder N. VanDuyn,
Van Fleet,	" Charles Crane,
nhetloo,	" J. Witte.

SECUNDI.

Church,	Elder J. R. Vanderbeck,
Labaw,	" J. G. Marselis,
Bogardus,	" S. Francisco.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

olton,	Elder Stephen S. Voorhees,
M. Bogert,	" Jacob P. Smith,
C. Suckow,	" John Quick.

SECUNDI.

Lawsing,	Elder Jacob M. Vreeland,
Voorhees,	" Fred. Bach,
Thompson,	" David McNair.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

searle,	Elder Alex. Brokaw,
D. Wyckoff,	" Peter G. Schomp,
Jones,	" Samuel S. Voorhees.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. E. Davis,
 " B. C. Miller, Jr.,
 " P. M. Doolittle,

Elder Jas. Dodd,
 " Abram D. Cole,
 " John N. Rynearson.

ARTICLE XIX.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned at 9 o'clock P. M., to hold its next annual meeting in the Broadway church of Paterson, N. J., on the first Tuesday of May, 1894, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the usual number ordered printed, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. P. Searle, and the benediction by the President.

JOHN B. THOMPSON, *President*,
 TABER KNOX, *Vice President*.

W. E. DAVIS, }
 W. P. BRUCE, } *Clerks, pro. tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk*.

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

1st New Brunswick,	-	Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
1st New Brunswick,	-	Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
1st VanVorst, Jersey City,		Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
Quackanonck, Passaic,		Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
cond, Freehold,	- - -	Rev. John Gardner.
cond, Newark,	- - -	Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
cond, Somerville,	- -	Rev. George J. Van Neste.
1st, Paterson,	- - -	Rev. William R. Duryee.
cond, New Brunswick,		Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D.
Argen,	- - - - -	Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
1st, Philadelphia,	- -	Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
Shanic,	- - - - -	Rev. James Le Fevre.
Ramus,	- - - - -	Rev. Cornelius Brett.
Millstone,	- - - - -	Rev. M. H. Hutton.
1st, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf, D.D.
Arwick,	- - - - -	Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
1st, Orange,	- - - -	Rev Thos. C. Easton, D.D.
Lafayette, Jersey City,	-	Rev David Waters, D.D.
Banon,	- - - - -	Rev. Edward G. Read.
Lleville,	- - - - -	Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
cond, Philadelphia,	- -	Rev. J. Preston Searle.
1st, Somerville,	- - -	Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
1st, Raritan,	- - - -	Rev. N. H. Vanarsdale, D.D.
Yack,	- - - - -	Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.
1st, Hackensack,	- - -	Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D.

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OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the Broadway Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J., on Tuesday, May 1st, 1894, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 9 P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D., who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening, from John 3 : 16 : "God so loved the World that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, C. I. Shepard, C. S. Wright, Arthur Johnson, I. W. Gowen. Elder, J. J. Demarest.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, T. E. Inglis, E. A. Meury, T. Kommers. Elders, G. D. VanReypen, John H. Bruns, Joel W. Brown, Henry Hoersch.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, A. B. Herman, C. W. VanZee, G. Tyckoff, W. H. VanDoren. Elders, Wm. Carson, D. T. Polhemus.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, David Waters, Wm. Stuart, Freder-

ick Koechli, J. N. Jansen. Elders, S. S. Cueman, F. T. Kirk, VanZee, Daniel VanWinkle.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, James LeFevre, P. T. man, Theo. Shafer. Elders, Joseph Walker, Freeman Edgar, Cortelyou.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Anson DuBois, Wm. Johnson, M. C. Jacobs, Theo. W. Welles. Elders, J. B. Courter, John T. ing, W. H. Nicholls, Thomas Helligers.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, G. W. Labaw, F. S. Wilson, J. Church, T. P. Vernoll. Elders, J. Berdan, J. P. Vreeland, A. A. derbeck.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, P. H. Milliken, John H. M. Kip, H. P. Craig. Elders, Henry A. Bower, S. D. Opie, Jar Brush, S. V. Leffert.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, E. G. Read, Isaac Sperling, W. DeHart. Elders, Henry A. Green, Wm. V. Dalley.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. W. H. DeHart was elected President.

Rev. P. T. Pockman was elected Vice President.

Revs. Theo. Shafer and Garret Wyckoff were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTE.
These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Following were appointed :

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. A. B. Herman and Isaac Sperling.

J. J. Demarest.

Classical Minutes.—Revs. I. W. Gowen and J. N. Jansen. Elder, A. Green.

Committee.—Rev. T. E. Inglis, Elder, John Bruns, Rev. A. B. 1, Elder D. T. Polhemus, Rev. Wm. Stuart, Elder Wm. Carson, S. Wilson, Elder J. B. Courter, Rev. W. M. C. Jacobs, Elder Ielligers, Rev. G. W. Labaw, Elder J. Berdan, Rev. F. M. Kip, V. Leffert, Rev. Isaac Sperling, Elder Wm. V. Dalley, Rev. Craig, Elder S. D. Opie.

Classical Reports.—Revs. J. B. Thompson, William Johnson, V. H. Nicholls.

Wentures and Judicial Business.—Revs. David Waters, P. T. in, Elder, C. D. VanZee.

Nominations.—Revs. James LeFevre, Theo. Shafer, Elder Anpost.

Treasurer's Report.—Revs. Wm. Stuart, W. H. VanDoren, Elder Ireland.

Systematic Beneficence.—Revs. Anson DuBois, Charles S. Wright, D. VanReypen.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A notice from the Board of Foreign Missions that Rev. C. L. D.D. had been appointed to represent it before this Synod.

2. A notice from the Board of Domestic Missions that Rev. J. W. Brooks, Ph.D. had been appointed to appear in its behalf.

3. A request from Rev. A. DeWitt Mason, Editor of the *Mission Field*, that he be allowed an opportunity to present its interests to the Synod. It was resolved that it be made the special order of the day to hear these brethren at 11 o'clock, A. M. Wednesday.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for 1893, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows and the report was accepted and adopted :

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that the Minutes of General Synod of 1893, and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, have been examined, and nothing requiring the attention of this Synod was discovered.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. HERMAN,
ISAAC SPERLING,
J. J. DEMAREST,

Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report. It was amended and adopted as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick exercises jurisdiction over nine Classes. The reports from these Classes call for praise and thanksgiving even beyond those of the year 1893.

I. OF THE CHURCHES.

The churches have been blessed with the usual ministration of the word and sacraments throughout the year. The number of vacant pulpits has been reduced from 26 to 20, and several of these vacancies will be filled at an early day.

Some of the weaker churches, however, are reported vacant from year to year. This, perhaps is unavoidable. But toward these the kindly arm of their stronger neighbors should be constantly stretched out to help, and such provision made for the supply of their needs as may be found practicable.

The first thing that attracts attention in the summary of the statistics is that the whole number of churches has been reduced from 139 to 38. On investigation it is found that the church of Franklin Furnace has disappeared from our roll. The history of this matter is interesting and instructive.

Several years ago a little band of christians at that place founded a church upon a rock, and struggled zealously to support it—in vain. Strong in personal faith and well-assured of the prerogative power of the Divine Being, they were not aware of that manifestation of His love made in His promises to His people for their children. The number of persons called in from the outside world was not sufficient to enable them to carry on the work as they had begun it, and in the year 1878 they became a Reformed Church under the care of the Classis Passaic. This church has maintained its existence, but not without struggle. Perhaps, if it had been surrounded by churches of the same name, and had received from them careful nursing and fraternal assistance, it might have continued with us still, and become stronger and stronger for the work given it to do among the 125 families who have no other church to attend. But, isolated from us and unable to obtain a pastor from among us, it has been constrained to enter the Presbyterian fold in order that it might secure an acceptable pastor. It was regularly dismissed by Classis, and on the 11th day of April, 1894, was duly received into the Presbytery of Newton, within whose bounds it is situated. It has obtained a pastor, and the blessing of God has been poured out upon it abundantly.

The Chairman of your Committee, desiring to know the facts in the case, made inquiry of the Pastor and incorporates herewith his reply in order to preserve a statement of the facts in the case.

FRANKLIN FURNACE, N. J., April 24th, 1894.

W. J. B. Thompson, D.D., New Brunswick, N. J. :

Dear Sir : Your request to send account of the transfer of the church at hand, and I endeavor to comply with your request.

Nearly a year ago I was invited to preach in the church here. I knew that it was vacant and I wrote that I would come, but not as a candidate, as I was in complete ignorance of the state of affairs here and as it was of a different denomination from my own. I came and preached, and a Committee called upon me and told me the state of the church. The congregation had just called a meeting, had taken the management of the church out of the hands of the Consistory and had appointed a Committee to secure a pastor from whatever denomination they might be able to do so. They had called a minister of the Reformed church, but he had declined to come; and, as they had been so long without a pastor, they were completely discouraged. Many had refused to contribute longer if a pastor was not secured. I consented to come and do what I could for the restoration of the church. I came the first day of July, 1893, and began pastoral work among the people, and there seemed to be signs of the church's reviving. When there was sufficient grounds, I told the Committee that the time had come to take what steps were needed to reorganize the church. They could either perfect their organization, or ask for a transfer to some other body. They were unanimous in saying that they wished me to continue to labor among them, and that it would be better for the church to be under the care of the Presbytery of Newton. There was only one member of the committee who thought that nothing would be gained by this latter step. They decided to circulate a petition to the Classis asking for the dismissal of the church, and so far as I know all the people who were asked joined heartily in this petition. The reason of this was not denominational feeling; but the long vacancy had led them to think that they could not get a pastor from the Reformed church, and they had come to think that they, being so far from the Classis, were neglected by the church. The real difficulty lay in the indifference of the people and the lack of men here who knew how to secure a pastor.

You have the report of Classis and I need not tell you the steps which were taken. The people were high in their praise of the kind manner that Classis listened to their request, and they were greatly pleased by Rev. Mr. Church, of Paterson, who came to ordain the elders.

After securing the dismissal the letter was sent to the Presbytery of Newton, and on April 11th, the church was received under the care of Presbytery.

The spiritual work of the church has gone forward most favorably ever since I came. I have received in all 89 members into the communion of the church; 78 of these being on profession of faith. The place has simply been without the gospel, though the gospel has been preached in the church. I have had no difficulty in interesting the people in their salvation. I have found many who were ready to come to Christ. The only reason that they had not come before, being that they had drifted from church and no one had asked them to come back. There are many faithful workers here now, and there is no reason why the church should not continue to grow. There are 125 families who have no other church to attend than this. It is not a pleasant place to look at, and there is much to discourage a man in looking at the field from the outside. It looks quite different from the inside.

I am glad that there is a growing tendency for our churches which

re so much alike to unite in work for the Master. I trust that there will soon come a time when in small places there will be but one church as there is here, and then with stronger churches, there will be an advance in work.

Yours in the Lord,

G. B. CRAWFORD, *Pastor*.

Your Committee has only words of commendation for the Classis which has shown that it cares more for the glory of God and the growth of the Church of Christ than for the glory of any single denomination of that Church. Nevertheless, it is matter of regret that the Classis did not follow the constitutional order and secure the action of this Synod upon the matter.

These facts are full of warning to us to be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, lest we be compelled hereafter to take up the reproach, "Mine own vineyard have I not kept."

Of one of its churches the report from this same Classis says: "Boardville, as of late, sends no report." This seems to be a case for the proper exercise of that episcopal care which is the peculiar prerogative of Classis. We, that are strong, ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. If the Classis would depute some neighboring pastor to visit this church, he could doubtless secure a report from it. If it is destitute of the stated preaching of the word, neighboring pastors might supply it at stated intervals. Possibly some competent layman might be found able and willing to conduct religious services acceptably. Probably some theological student would be glad to spend his Summer vacation in direct work for the Master in that picturesque and health-giving locality. The special circumstances of this church are unknown to your Committee; but it is a specimen of several that ought to have, and would abundantly repay, more tender and constant care than is commonly bestowed upon them.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Classes be exhorted to exercise constantly a tender and loving episcopal care over their vacant churches, and to endeavor by all practicable means to promote the growth of their members both in grace and in numbers, in order that the weak may be strengthened and the kingdom of our Lord promoted in all places which He has entrusted to our keeping.

II. OF MINISTERS.

The number of Ministers owing allegiance to this Synod is 155. Several of them are without pastoral charge and are doing excellent

work, as Missionaries, Secretaries of Ecclesiastical Boards, Professors of Colleges, or in other important spheres of christian activity. Some of them do not reside within the bounds of the Classes to which they belong and are rarely present at the meetings of those bodies. These brethren are entitled to the sympathy and care of the Classes, and your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Classes be urged to endeavor to secure, as far as practicable, the attendance at their meetings, not only of the pastors and elders, but also of the "other ministers," and to receive from them annual statements of their work for the Master.

III. OF CANDIDATES.

Only two of the Classes report the names of candidates for the Ministry. In the summary of statistics, printed in the Minutes of Synod, these are called Licentiates. The continuance upon the roll from year to year, under the title of Licentiates, of those who have ceased to be candidates for the Ministry, would seem to tend toward the recognition of an inferior Order of Clergy. Your Committee, therefore, recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Classes be advised to require annual reports from the candidates under their jurisdiction ; and to discourage the continuation of licenses to those who are not likely to become ordained Ministers of the Gospel.

IV. OF STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

Only two of the Classes report that they have under their care students for the Ministry of the Gospel. It is known, however, that other Classes have recommended young men for pecuniary aid from the Board and Funds of the Church ; and sometimes, it is feared, without sufficient inquiry into their physical, intellectual and religious qualifications. Your Committee deems it important that young men prosecuting their studies for the ministry shall have the encouragement and fostering care of their elder brethren, and therefore advise the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Classes be directed to exercise great care in the recommendation of students ; to take all whom they recommend under the special care of Classis ; to report the names to this Synod ; to inquire at least annually into their condition and prospects ; to make from time to time such suggestions to them and to the Board of Education respecting them as may seem desirable ; and to exercise constantly in their behalf that tender interest which Ministers and Elders ought always to feel and show toward those whose hearts the Lord has inclined to become Ministers of His Word.

V. OF FAMILIES.

The family and the church are the only direct institutions of God in

the world ; and the church is constituted of families. The family (not the individual), is the unit of the Church as well as of the State. The addition, therefore, of 542 families, (though the number reported is reduced by the dismissal of the church of Franklin Furnace to 452), is an indication that the work of pastors is still owned and blessed of the Lord, and gives us cause for devout thanksgiving to Him who calls Himself "the God of the families of Israel." Ministers in their preaching should give definite instruction respecting the relation of the family to the Church and to her Head.

VI. OF COMMUNICANTS.

The number of persons received into the full communion of the church on confession of their faith in Christ, is 176 more than during the preceding year, the whole number reported being 1,518.

The sum total of communicants is lessened by the dismissal of the church before mentioned, and by the correction of the rolls of two other churches, (from which 105 names have been retired); yet the number amounts to 27,946, making a reported increase over last year of 425, and a real increase of 551, which is certainly a very encouraging showing.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to take special pains to secure and maintain accuracy in the statistical reports, in order that our work for the Master may be prosecuted with the knowledge necessary to eminent success.

VII. OF BAPTIZED NON-COMMUNICANTS.

The number of baptized infants reported is 1,553, as against 1,440 last year, showing both the out-populating power of the christian stock and the increasing appreciation of the promises of God for the salvation of the children of believers ; and *this*, notwithstanding the fact that one Classis reports that within its bounds "either infant baptism is neglected, or the birthrate in our churches is at a standstill, for 26 baptisms in 698 families is an average of one in 27 !"

The variations from year to year in the reported number of baptized non-communicants show by their irregularity that they are due to the difficulty of collecting such statistics. The importance of the matter, however, as correlated with infant baptism, and with it an important part of God's method for securing the salvation of the race, demands for it the most careful consideration, and most earnest effort on the part of those to whom God has given wisdom to know what Israel ought to do. There will be little encouragement to send the gospel to the heathen if our own children are becoming heathen meanwhile ; and it

is important to know the exact facts in the case in order that we may adapt our efforts to present needs.

"Since we are to judge of the will of God from His word, which testifies that the children of believers are holy, not by nature, but in virtue of the covenant of grace in which they together with their parents are comprehended, Godly parents have no reason to doubt of the election and salvation of their children, whom it pleaseth God to call out of this life in their infancy;" nor of the election and salvation of any of their children in behalf of whom they exercise faith in the promise to be a God unto them and to their seed after them. Faith in this promise as a promise of grace and salvation will be followed by the works that flow from faith, the christian training of the children, in order that the Lord may bring upon them the promised Salvation. Such training includes a Godly example, habitual prayer, and careful instruction in the will of God, for them and in the knowledge of the fact that "all baptized persons are members of the church, and under its care, and subject to its government and discipline," as well as entitled to all the privileges which flow from this relation to the church. These privileges include the care of body, as well as of soul. The church is bound to provide, as far as she can, food and clothing, when necessary, for the poor and needy, not only among her own communicants, but also among their children.

The record of such ought to be complete, and as far as possible minute and particular. The residence and condition of every person thus registered should be known to the Pastor and Elders of the church; and these should show them such care and attention as to convince them that they are beloved for their parents' sake, as well as for Christ's sake. Minor children should be dismissed and received along with their parents and the fact of such dismissal and reception announced to the congregations.

Every church should have a complete record of every family connected with it, with careful statement of the precise relation to it held by each member of the family. How else can proper pastoral work be done?

In making such a record and such a roll where none exists, parents of minor children should first be consulted, and after that the children themselves. Of those who have come to years of discretion, only those who are willing to be thus regarded by the church should be entered upon its roll. But under proper instruction those who refuse such privilege will be few.

Such a record, once made, will be kept accurate with precisely the same kind of care bestowed upon the record of the communicants. Of

course, this will require more or less time and attention. But Ministers and Elders exist for the express purpose of giving such time and attention to these affairs of the Kingdom.

Our German and Hollandish brethren set us a good example in this matter. The Classes in which their churches are included report baptized non-communicants by thousands, while others report them only by hundreds.

There has been marked improvement in this respect however, during the past year in the Classes of Raritan, New Brunswick and Monmouth, the last of which is earnestly endeavoring to instruct its churches upon this topic. The Classis of Philadelphia, however, still makes no sign. The Synod can only repeat its conviction of the importance of this record, especially to the churches which are suffering from the loss of those whom they thus neglect.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the earnest attention of the Classes be called to the action of Synod upon this subject at its last session.

VIII. OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

The contributions of the past year afford cheering evidence that, (through the efforts of General Synod's Committee on Systematic Benevolence), God's people are learning more and more the truth of the saying of the Lord Jesus that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Notwithstanding the extraordinary financial depression through which we are passing, the contributions are only about 7 per cent. less than they were last year when such unusual effort was made to pay the debts of the Boards of Missions.

The total amount of contributions for all purposes during the past year is \$412,415 an average of \$15 for each communicant.

IX. CONCLUSION.

This cursory review of the Reports from the Classes shows that we have abundant reason to thank God and take courage. The blessed work goes steadily forward, and they who labor in it will not be disappointed.

It only remains for us to show our faith and gratitude by still more diligent service, and still more believing prayer, thus hastening the coming of the day of deliverance from all evil, constantly looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The reports of the Classes and the summary of their statistics are herewith appended.

JOHN B. THOMPSON, *Chairman*.

POSTSCRIPT, MAY 3, 1894.

In the appended records of the Classes will be found many items of interest to which the unusual length of the preceding report precluded any allusion. There can be, however, no sufficient reason for departing from the usage that has come down to us from the early church, which was accustomed to read in public assembly from the sacred diptychs, the names of the faithful ministers of the gospel who had recently entered into rest. The table of those departed during the past year is as follows:

<i>Classes.</i>	<i>Ministers.</i>
Bergen, - - - -	William D. Buckalew.
Monmouth, - - - -	{ Charles D. Buck, D.D., Samuel Lockwood, Ph. D.
Newark, - - - -	{ Richard P. Milliken, Henry Vehslage, D.D., William G. E. See.
Paramus, - - - -	William W. Letson.
"And their works do follow them."	

J. B. T.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Report of the Committee on State of Religion of the Classis of Bergen.

DEAR BRETHREN: Reports have been received from all the churches except the First Church of Hoboken, German Evangelical, of Hoboken and Secaucus.

The churches report encouragingly. The number received on confession is not so large as last year but we believe that the spiritual condition of the churches is most promising.

Owing to the fact that all have not reported we are not able to give a detailed account of the benevolences of the Congregations, but it is safe to say there is no abatement of interest in this regard.

The following points of interest from individual churches are noted:

The First Church of Hackensack is reported in a flourishing condition with large contributions to our Boards and outside objects.

Schraalenburg has installed during the year the Rev. George H. Cotton, who was previously only a stated supply. The church is united and pushing forward the Master's work in a most encouraging manner.

The Church of English Neighborhood has especial cause for gratitude. During the year Mr. Ferrer Martyn was ordained and installed and the Lord has greatly blessed his labors. The church building has been

thoroughly refurnished, repainted and carpeted ; the parsonage has also been repaired and enlarged and notwithstanding this extra expense the salary of the pastor has been raised to \$1,500. The prospect is flattering for this old and historic church.

Grove Church of New Durham reports steady growth. The accessions have been largely by confession. The Sunday-schools of this church are an especial feature, having an enrollment of 1,020 names. The church believes that in the near future a church building will occupy the place of the preaching station on the plank road.

The Park Church of Jersey City does not report as large an accession as great an amount raised for benevolence as last year, yet the church is in a decidedly better condition than for some time past and there is very prospect of a steady and healthy growth.

The Church of the Palisades reports hopefully. During the year the rev. Artemus Dean, D.D. has been installed as pastor. The spiritual condition is very promising. The church has now become self-sustaining.

The Church at Guttenberg is without a pastor but shows signs of promise. There is a good working Consistory, a parsonage and a comfortable church building. Earnest effort is being made to secure a pastor, and it is believed that if the proper man can be secured a strong and self-supporting church will result in the near future.

Central Avenue of Jersey City has been struggling heroically to build their new house of worship, which is now nearing completion and will soon be dedicated. It will cost about \$22,000 and there will not be a debt of over \$6,000. Pastor Wright and his people are deserving of special mention.

Cherry Hill for a long time one of our dependent churches is now out of debt. A church building has been erected and dedicated, during the year. Mr. Abram Duryee, of the Senior Class at New Brunswick, has been invited to take charge on the completion of his studies and has signified his willingness to do so. We look for good results.

Oradell has had an eventful year. By united effort, attended by the divine blessing, a beautiful and commodious house of worship has been erected and furnished. This was prayerfully dedicated to the service of God on March 18th, 1894. Special religious interest is also manifested.

Hasbrouck Heights is prospering under the faithful leadership of rev. Charles I. Shepard, D.D. This church is only a little more than a year old, organized with 24 members. There is now a roll of 36 members. The congregations are constantly increasing, so it becomes necessary to enlarge the house of worship that they may be accommodated.

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Secaucus.—Although we have no report from Secaucus we learn that with a little aid they hope to make advances during the year.

All the other churches not named in this report are flourishing, and as a Classis we have abundant reason to thank God and take courage.

The death of the Rev. Wm. D. Buckalew, late pastor of the Church of the Palisades, occurred during the year. He was a faithful and earnest minister of Jesus Christ. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their great bereavement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANCIS MORGAN, *Chairman*.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to report, that in general the churches throughout the Classis are in a prosperous condition. All but one, the First Church of Bayonne, are supplied with pastors, and that one is prepared to ask the Classis to-day to approve the call which will be presented for action. The Committee presents brief extracts from the several reports, which will indicate the character of the reports.

Bergen expresses thanks to God for a prosperous year. "With a net increase of 26 families and 19 members, the mother church of the Classis shows no signs of diminished vigor with advancing years."

First, Bayonne.—This church has passed through the trying experience of parting with a beloved pastor. A successor has been called with great unanimity, and the Consistory reports encouraging progress.

Wayne Street, Jersey City reports a good attendance at the Sabbath services, and the mid-week prayer meeting; also an active interest among the young people, and an increase in the spirit of liberality.

Bergen Point has been marked by encouraging signs of growth in every department of church work. The apportionment for missions has been fully raised, and "the contributions to the other Boards have been more than trebled," giving evidence "of denominational loyalty and personal consecration."

Second, Hudson.—This church presents a very encouraging report. Although no large accessions have been received, yet the spiritual life of the church has never been better. The Consistory refers with sorrow to the losses by death, and makes special reference to the bereavement of their pastor, whose wife was among the number translated to the home above. In her death the church loses an example of true

christian womanhood. Her influence will long be felt. We extend to our brother, the pastor, our sincere sympathies.

Lafayette mourns the loss of two elders who have been removed by death, but takes courage from the assurance that while "the Lord buries his workmen, He carries on their work."

Greenville reports a year of growth. The people respond liberally to every demand made upon them, and have cheerfully assumed the entire support of a mission school in a hitherto neglected district.

Free, Jersey City.—This church adds no remarks to the statistics. They are encouraging, however, and we gather from them the conclusion that the church has no cause to be discouraged.

Third, Bayonne.—This church speaks of its prospects as very hopeful. Its condition was discouraging when the present pastor began his work. A Young People's Society has been organized.

South Bergen has great reason for rejoicing. Its handsome church edifice has been completed and dedicated, and the people are united, and animated with new zeal. The South Bergen church deserves the hearty congratulations of her sister churches of the Classis.

First German Evangelical and *St. John's German Evangelical*, Jersey City, present in their reports nothing but bare statistics. From these we gather that these churches have been favored with a good degree of prosperity.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. Matthew Mueller was dismissed from the First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City, on the first day of August, 1893, and installed over the Third Church of Bayonne on the fifth day of November, 1893.

The Rev. Julius Feicke was received from the German Reformed Church, October 28, 1893, and installed pastor of the First German Evangelical Church in Jersey City.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. W. W. Knox and the church of Bayonne was dissolved on Sept. 11th, 1893, and the Rev. Mr. Knox was dismissed to the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

The Rev. Charles H. Jones, from the Classis of Newark, has received and accepted a call to the church of Bayonne, and if the way be opened will be installed on Thursday the third of May.

All which is respectfully submitted,

P. D. VAN CLEEF.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF
CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows :

A hurried survey such as the late returns from some of the churches and the failure of one to report until this morning has permitted, seems to show an average year of gains and losses. In "families" there has been a decrease in some churches, possibly through a revision of the pastors' visiting lists, and a slight increase in others.

The "confessions" double those of last year, largely however from three churches, leaving the total membership in Classis after the balance is struck with losses by death and dismissal, about the same as before.

Either "infant baptism" is neglected or the birth rate in our churches is at a standstill, for 26 baptisms in 698 families is an average of one in 27 years. By this showing it would appear that our old Dutch stock is dying out. Baptized non-communicants are reported by four churches as against two the year preceding.

This list can easily be made out by running over the record of baptisms and counting those not yet church members. This with a little investigation into the status of new families would comply with the requirements of Synod. Sunday-school enrollment shows upon the whole a diminution. It is, when we come to the statistics of benevolence that our report, notwithstanding the ready excuse of hard times, becomes positively distressing. Supposing that our people contribute at least one-tenth of their income to the Lord's work and they must do that or be a good deal meaner than the Jew, (he gave two-tenths and extras) the revelation it makes of poverty in Monmouth County, is alarming. Take the figures—excluding Spotswood, and they average as follows :

For benevolence \$1.37 per member, \$2.61 per family. Total contributions \$11.67 per member, \$22.12 per family, or an average income on the above supposition of \$221.20 per family in this prosperous community. According to Dr. Strong in the "New Era" the average workman's income in Massachusetts for the year 1883, was \$754.47 per family, but we manage to get along in New Jersey on less than one-third of that sum or else we give the Lord from one-third to one-sixth of one-tenth of our income. We call ourselves christians. We ought to be ashamed to look a Jew in the face.

Some special features of interest in the reports are as follows :

First Freehold has had an addition to the membership that is very encouraging to their young pastor. A Woman's Missionary Society

as just been organized. Through an inadvertance the benevolent offerings were distributed among three only, of the Boards.

Holmdel has suffered from an interregnum in the pastorate. The loss of our genial brother Hageman, has been happily repaired in the recent installation of Rev. G. Wyckoff. The church has contributed to all the Boards.

Middletown rejoices to-day in filling the post so long held by our departed brother Buck. It has made offerings to all the Boards.

Second Freehold praises God for a large accession to its membership. Its benevolence has fallen below last years standard, while deficiencies in the income of the church have been met. It has taken collections for all the Boards.

Keyport finds encouragement in increased audiences, extended organization and approach to self-support. Offerings have been made to all the Boards.

Long Branch emphasizes a fine addition on confession. Contributions have been made to all the Boards.

Colts Neck reports that there has been no increase by confession. It has taken collections for all the Boards.

Asbury Park reports both disappointments and encouragements. There has been no growth by confession but there has been in the number of families, and in the attendance on church service and the prayer meeting. Offerings have been made to all the Boards.

Highlands shows a fine increase in the Sunday School enrollment and in offerings for church expenses. An offering was made to one of the Boards.

In one respect this is a hopeful report. Only two churches failed to contribute to all the Boards as against seven last year.

Your Committee recommends the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Classis again urgently enjoins each church whether self-supporting or not, to give its people an opportunity to make an offering however small, to each and every Board and Fund.

Resolved, That Classis earnestly recommends to every church to take an offering at least once a month for a benevolent purpose or in some other systematic way seek to develop the spirit of liberality.

The Ecclesiastical changes have been as follows:

Rev. C. D. Buck, D.D. pastor of the church of Middletown died May 26, 1893. Rev. J. Ferguson Harris, pastor at Spotswood, resigned May 11, 1893, and was dismissed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie. The pastoral relation between Rev. A. Hageman and the church of Holmdel, was dissolved Nov. 3, 1893, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Newark. Rev. Garret Wyckoff was installed

pastor at Holmdel, Feb. 7, 1894. Rev. P. K. Hageman was installed pastor at Middletown, April 10, 1894. The licentiate, C. W. VanZee was ordained and installed pastor of the Brick Church, May 24, 1893. Rev. S. Lockwood, without charge, died Jan. 9, 1894.

Respectfully submitted,

I. P. BROKAW, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report that owing to the incomplete nature of the statistical table and the unreliability of figures, it refrains from making any comparison with that of last year. It would denominate the present as an average and not an exceptional year. No special revivals distinguish it; the contributions, though less, hold up well, despite the business depression. A hopeful, thankful tone pervades all reports, and there are indications of solid work and genuine growth in nearly all the churches of the Classis.

Belleville.—The Sabbath and mid-week services are well attended and growing in numbers and interest. The church being without a pastor eight months of the year its benevolent work has been somewhat disarranged and lessened. The pastor and people are now rejoicing together in their newly constituted relationships and the outlook is hopeful.

First, Newark.—No report.

Irvington.—No report.

New York Avenue, Newark.—This church has enjoyed a year of peace and prosperity. In spite of hard times this has been one of the best years in the history of the church, financially. Special revival meetings have been held and all the organized societies in the church are progressive and prosperous.

Franklin.—The spiritual condition of this church and Sunday-school is very encouraging. A gratifying increase in the membership of the church is reported. The pastor and consistory are encouraged to believe, by the cheerful response of the congregation to every appeal for financial aid, that in the near future the church will become entirely self-sustaining.

North, Newark gives statistical table only.

West, Newark.—The church and Sunday-school services are well attended and the various societies are working earnestly for the temporal

and spiritual welfare of the congregation. The parochial school is under the personal conduct and care of the pastor. Despite the business depression the running expenses have been met. Thanks are given to God for his blessings.

Clinton Avenue, Newark.—This church rejoices in another year of temporal and spiritual prosperity. A spirit of harmony and zeal exists; attendance at divine worship is large and prayer meetings are well attended. Forty-seven new members united with the church and the contributions to the Boards have not fallen very far below those of last year. Interest in missions have been deepened by addresses by mission workers.

Trinity, Newark.—By the death of Rev. Richard P. Milliken a great loss was sustained. From the want of pastoral care the regular order of church work became disarranged and as a consequence the contributions to the Boards show a decrease. But since the coming of the new pastor there has been a revival of interest in all departments of work. A Y. P. S. C. E. has been organized and gives promise of great usefulness.

Linden.—Statistical table only.

Christ, Woodside.—The past year has been marked by evidences of Divine goodness. There has been an increase in membership, and there have been droppings of what they trust will be a copious shower of blessing, in answer to prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The pastor in retiring from this field of labor prays that abundant prosperity may be granted unto this church.

Stone House Plains.—A growing interest in the regular church services. Special meetings well attended and spiritually quickening. Cheerful response to appeals for benevolent objects. Pastor's salary twice increased without solicitation. An addition of eight to membership is hoped to be an earnest to better things.

Orange Records special thanksgiving to God for His goodness and mercy during the past year. Materially the church has prospered; current expenses have been met and a building fund in the bank assumes large proportions. Benevolent contributions have been well sustained. Large accessions to the church are gratefully reported.

Trinity, Plainfield.—The year has been one of peace and delightful labor. While the accessions are not unusually large, we note with special gratitude the growth in knowledge and grace of the membership. Services are all well sustained and the different societies are doing diligently their work. The contributions to Boards and funds are only a few dollars less than last year.

German, Plainfield. Though we have confronted disheartening cir-

cumstances, such as failing health of the pastor, which has made it impossible for him to push the work ; the foundation of another German church which competes for the German speaking people ; the financial depression which has affected severely the working classes ; still there is much to evoke our gratitude. Services well attended, a vigorous Ladies Aid Society, Sunday-school well and regularly sustained and a new Y. P. S. C. E. are among the things which call for praise.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS SCHENCK, *Chairman.*

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Ecclesiastical changes of the year have been as follows :

The Rev. W. E. Bogardus was received from the Classis of Passaic, June 16, 1893, and call to church of Brookdale was accepted. The Rev. T. J. Lee was received from the Presbytery of Lehigh, June 16, 1893, and was installed pastor of the First Reformed Church of Newark, N. J., Nov. 10, 1893. The Rev. J. N. Morris was received from the Classis of Kingston, Feb. 23, 1894, and installed pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Newark, March 7, 1894. The Rev. Andrew Hageman was received from Classis of Monmouth, Nov. 10, 1893, and installed as pastor of church at Belleville, Nov. 22, 1893. Rev. C. H. Jones was dismissed to the Classis of S. Bergen, April 10, 1894. The Committee records with profound regret the departure from this world, of—

The Rev. R. P. Milliken, who died August 12, 1893.

The Rev. H. Vehslage D.D. who died March 4, 1894.

The Rev. W. G. E. See, who died March 6, 1894.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion in the Classis of New Brunswick would report as follows :

The churches report in a spirit of cheerful gratitude. There have been accessions in the case of all, and in two instances an unusually large ingathering. While the congregations have, perhaps without exception, felt the financial depression of the year, yet the contributions to benevolent objects have been affected less than might naturally have been expected. The review of the work calls for devout thankfulness and encourages hope.

We submit a condensed statement from the several churches :

The First Church of New Brunswick.—We would make mention

of the goodness and mercy of the Lord as shown in the favorable conditions under which the work has been carried forward during another year. There has been no lack of evidence that the Holy Spirit has been present, guiding and maintaining the work. There has been an unabated interest in the Sabbath services and in all devotional meetings. At each communion a few have united with the church, and among the number a native of China, whose conversion is regarded as a fruit of faithful instruction received in the Foreign Department of the Sunday-school. There have been organized during the past year a Paper Mission, a Mission Guild for young girls and a Junior Endeavor Society, "all of which give promise of much usefulness." The benevolence and church support for the year have hardly been affected by the stringency of the times. "Harmony and good fellowship prevail."

The Church of Six-Mile-Run.—While there has been no spiritual blessing of a special character, we have not been left without witness to the power and grace of the great Head of the church. A new organ has been erected in the church at a cost of about \$4,000 giving additional interest to the already well attended services. This has been accomplished without incurring a debt, and without materially diminishing the benevolent contributions of the church, notwithstanding the severe pressure of the times. The meetings of the Christian Endeavor Society are largely attended and there is "great promise of gratifying results in promoting the christian usefulness of the members, and in securing God's blessing and saving grace to the large number of associate members and other attendants."

The Church of Hillsborough.—It has been a year of progress. There is great encouragement in all departments of church work. "Earnestness, zeal and true enthusiasm" characterize the several lines of endeavor. A spirit of harmony prevails, and a disposition is manifested to meet their obligations in the fear of the Lord. The sum of \$2,500 has just been expended on an organ and extension. The earnestness and faith of the people give evidence "That the Master is leading them in paths of righteousness, truth and peace."

Middlebush.—"Considering the financial depression of the year our church has had more than usual prosperity. Over deaths and removals we have added fourteen to our membership." Notwithstanding conditions unfavorable for an agricultural community, the regular offerings have been made, and the home expenses have been met with remarkable self-denial and cheerfulness. There are five prayer-meetings fairly sustained in the congregation, besides two union prayer-meetings. The Sunday morning and evening audiences have been very encouraging.

The Church of Griggstown.—We report with a feeling of gratitude for the measure of peace and harmony enjoyed during the year. While the benevolent contributions have been diminished by the financial depression yet a marked zeal and hearty co-operation have been manifested in relation to the temporal prosperity of the church. There has been some encouragement, from accessions. The spiritual life of the church has shown itself in worship and in work. In the Endeavor Society and Sunday-schools there is an evident willingness to persevere in labor and in hope, with an acknowledged dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

The Second Church of New Brunswick.—An unusually large proportion of the male members have been ordained to the ministry during the year, reducing the number in communion. The attendance at the services of the Lord's Day has been maintained, and entire harmony has prevailed as usual. A new chapel rapidly approaches completion. Efforts made in building this have increased the total contributions. In this year of hard times they have raised over \$12,000. The slight falling off in benevolent contributions is less than might have been expected under the circumstances. The consistory gratefully acknowledges the goodness of Almighty God and prays for the continuance of His blessing.

The Church of Bound Brook.—The church is in a healthy Spiritual condition. Special mention is made of the prayer-meeting in which great interest is taken, it being no unusual thing for forty or more persons to take part in that service. A Junior Endeavor Society has been organized during the past year; also a Woman's Missionary Society. There is an increased interest among the young people.

Third, New Brunswick.—No report.

The Church of East Millstone.—While circumscribed and obliged to contend with unfavorable conditions we are occupying our field and doing our work in hope. The regular services and meetings have been well sustained, and the organizations are in a flourishing condition. Special services after the Week of Prayer, in connection with which the kind assistance of the Rev. Geo. J. VanNest, and the Rev. Theo. Shafer and his people, are acknowledged, were replete with interest and were owned of God in the conversion of souls. It was a time of refreshing from on high. In temporalities the church has been greatly prospered. Gratifying improvements have been made "so that we feel justified in taking courage. While we thank God for mercies past, we ask the encouraging sympathy and prayers of the brethren for their continuance."

The Church of Metuchen.—While lamenting our loss in the removal

to another field of labor of our pastor, the Rev. Garret Wyckoff, yet we have enjoyed a large measure of blessing. "The good hand of our God has been upon us in a rich outpouring of his Holy Spirit, and there has been added to our church on confession, a greater number than at any time since the organization of the church, thirty-six years ago, and also a number by letter from other churches. Our hearts are full of gratitude and praise that the fervent prayers of God's people for so many years offered up for the conversion of souls, have been answered. A marked prosperity is shown in the attendance upon the Sabbath services and in the Sunday-school and the Endeavor meeting. The spirit of benevolence is increasing. The prayers of the brethren are requested, that God will send this church a shepherd after his own heart, in his own good time.

The Suydam Street Church, New Brunswick.—The work of the year has had the blessing of God. There has been a gratifying accession at every communion. The prayer-meetings have been well sustained and full of interest. The Young People's Society is in a prosperous condition, its prayer-meeting affording encouragement to hope for great things. The Sunday-school is steadily growing. It has proved a nursery of the church during the past year. A parsonage has been built and is now occupied. The benevolent contributions for the year have been affected by the stringency of the times, and the unusual contributions toward the parsonage.

The Church of Highland Park.—While the year has not been an eventful one, yet there has been steady progress. "God's people are growing, both in knowledge and in grace." The general financial distress has greatly affected the people, most of whom are dependant upon their daily labor, and suffer from the intermission of work in the industries of the place. Nevertheless, with perseverance and self-denial the little band has not failed to keep up its contributions for the support of the gospel in a place where it is so much needed.

We add the following statement of changes in the ministry as furnished by the Stated Clerk.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The following ecclesiastical changes have taken place during the year. On May 19, 1893, the Classis licensed to preach the gospel the students Garret J. Folmsbee, Orville J. Hogan, Isaac Sperling, Martin Flipse. On the same date Mr. Folmsbee was dismissed to the Classis of New York; Mr. Hogan to the Classis of Philadelphia; Mr. Sperling to the Classis of Raritan; Mr. Flipse to the Classis of Albany. On October 17, 1893, Rev. Albert L. Mershon was received from the Presbytery of Lackawanna, Pa., and installed over the church of Bound Brook, on Nov. 9th. On Feb. 1, 1894, the

pastoral relation was dissolved between the church of Metuchen and Rev. Garret Wyckoff, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. SOUTHARD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

In presenting this report your Committee begs leave to say it is chiefly a compilation. We have simply woven together some of the things the churches have said about themselves. It is due them to say so, for quotation marks have been omitted. We are privileged to make a cheerful report. Some of us have had special visible tokens of the Divine favor. To some, visible evidences have not been so conspicuous. But no word of complaint is heard in all our borders. A note of gladness runs through all the reports. By the pulpit, by the Sabbath-school, by the prayer-meeting, and by the different co-operative societies that have been organized, the work of the Lord has prospered to a degree that calls for grateful recognition.

Acquackanonck rejoices in the goodness of God greater than deserts, and in His mercies beyond most sanguine expectations. Uninterrupted peace and harmony have prevailed, and all the agencies of the church are in active and successful operation. The Rev. Arthur Spaulding has been engaged as associate pastor, and is rendering very acceptable and efficient service, both in pulpit and pastoral work.

Broadway, Paterson, says : All the affairs of the church are moving on harmoniously and prosperously.

Centreville.—The past year has been one of steady work in the administration of the Word and ordinances, in family visitation, and in the Sabbath-school. Evangelistic services were held in March with most happy results. The greater part of our young people, and some adults have felt the power of Divine grace and have given themselves to God. The present spiritual condition among us is most hopeful.

Clarkstown finds great reason to thank God for His continued blessing and favor. There has been a gradual and steady growth all along the line. A new parsonage has been completed, and is now occupied.

First, Clifton.—Our Sabbath services are well attended, with a slow but steady increase in numbers. The Sabbath-school and all the societies connected with the church are flourishing, helpful and hopeful.

First Holland, Paterson, is thankful to the Head of the Church for His goodness. By the ministration of students from New Brunswick

There has been preaching every Sabbath during the year. One of them has been promised a call as soon as he is eligible.

Garfield. The Lord of the Harvest has given us rich evidence of His presence. Of the fourteen added to the membership, eight were from the Sabbath-school, and five were heads of families. The systematic beneficence plan adopted is working well in all departments. The Sunday-school is flourishing and promising. All our movements have been toward greater sacrifice and greater service. We enter upon another year with joy and courage.

Holland, Lodi.—This church is without a pastor, but reports services by supplies, or lay preaching, and a healthful spiritual condition.

Holland, Passaic. has called to succeed his late father, the Rev. W. M. C. Jacobs. They are rejoicing in spiritual blessings and increased membership, forty having confessed faith in Jesus Christ during the year.

Holland, Wortendyke, speaks of rapid increase and a peaceful and satisfied congregation.

North Passaic.—The year's record has been marked by unity, devotion and growth, and suggests better things to come. A larger number of members was received at our last communion than ever in the history of our church. We have every reason for faith and courage.

Nyack.—The services have been well attended, the people have been prayerful, the word has been blessed to their good, and the Holy Spirit has led many to confess Christ as their Saviour. Our church has now the largest membership it has ever reported.

Paramus.—The work of the Lord has been carried on steadily in all departments. No unusual developments have occurred. A few valuable members have been gained by conversion, and an equal number removed by death.

Pascack rejoices in the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit, in unity of spirit and work, and in general prosperity.

Piermont.—This church sends statistics only.

Ramapo.—God's presence is with us. The year has been one of blessing. Thirty-one have confessed Christ and been added to the church.

Ramsey's.—No report.

Ridgewood.—This church found itself at the beginning of the year financially crippled. Owing also to the stringency of the money market its benevolence has fallen below the mark. Its numerical strength has been generally increased, and unity exists.

Saddle River reports a year of temporal and spiritual blessing. An encouraging harmony of feeling exists. Interest in the church is man-

ifested by good attendance. The appropriation of \$200 by the Board of Domestic Missions has not been needed. The amount has been raised by the congregation.

Second, Lodi.—This church has suffered financially during the past year on account of the prevailing hard times, and especially through the burning of a principal factory, and loss of members. Yet it has great cause for thankfulness for existing harmony and good feeling, and for blessings through the Sunday-schools and societies connected with the church.

Second, Totowa. There has been nothing unusual in the experience of the past year. Everything has run along smoothly and harmoniously. The means of grace have been well attended, and the preaching of the truth has not been in vain. With grateful hearts we can say, hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

Spring Valley.—The different branches of approved church work as connected with the Consistory, the Sunday-school, and the Woman's Christian Association, and the Society of Christian Endeavor, have been all done quietly and with the blessing of peace and prosperity. No strength has been wasted in any of the many experiments of doubtful expediency—God has been followed, not led, in His work. Christian efforts have been kept in line and harmony with the denomination, and power has been focused and spent according to the wisdom of her administration.

Tappan lifts up her head. The clouds are rolling away, and she sees the day of her redemption drawing nigh. For the first in many years she owes no man anything but to love one another. There seems to be an advance along the whole line. She is preparing to celebrate her bi-centennial next Fall, and a history of her two hundred years existence is being prepared by Dr. David Cole, of Yonkers.

Warwick rejoices in the continued favor of the Lord. Each year seems to bring not only a renewal, but an increase of blessing.

West New Hempstead has nothing special to report as the result of a faithful use of all the ordinary instrumentalities. While we could wish to see what is withheld from us, yet we would wait patiently for God, while we continue to wait on Him.

Ministerial Changes.—May 23, 1893, the theological students William M. C. Jacobs, Elias B. Van Arsdale and John N. Van Orden were licensed to preach the gospel. Mr. Jacobs was ordained June 15, 1893, pastor of the First Holland Church of Passaic, N. J. Mr. Van Arsdale was dismissed July 13, 1893, to the Classis of Rochester, and Mr. Van Orden was dismissed May 23, 1893, to the Classis of Philadelphia. May 23, 1893, the licentiate, Isaac Van Kampen, was received from

The Classis of Rensselaer, and ordained June 20, 1893, pastor of the Church at Saddle River, N. J. Nov. 27, 1893, the pastoral relation between Rev. J. Russell Verbryck, and the church of Piermont, N. Y., was dissolved, to take effect Dec. 8, 1893, and Mr. Verbryck dismissed from the Presbytery of Washington, D. C.

Deaths. The Rev. William W. Letson died at Annandale, Sept. 12, 1893.

THOS. S. DUSINBERRE, *Chairman.*

Attest, THEO. W. WELLES, *Stated Clerk.*

April 10, 1894.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion reports to the Classis, that its churches, judging simply by their statistics, are not as strong as they were last year, and that they have not done as good a work. There are not quite as many families as last year. The additions on confession and by certificate are not as large. The total membership is less by a hundred or more. This may be owing in part to a revision that has been made in the list of the membership of the churches of Pompton Plains and First Totowa. We have two Sunday-schools less than we had last year. Our contributions to our own Boards are less by at least a thousand dollars. Considering the depression in business, this may not be altogether unexpected. Home expenditure has also been less than last year. Let us hope, that as the physical strength of our churches seems to have decreased, their spiritual strength has increased. This is by no means an unlikely thing in God's Kingdom on earth. In the meanwhile let us improve the enlarged opportunities for more and still better work.

Boardville, as of late, sends no report.

Fairfield, after having been shepherdless for almost a year, rejoices in the faithful labors of a stated supply. "The statistics," they tell us "do not show a marked progress." The "C. E." is full of life and activity. The outlook is brightening.

Boonton "has made steady growth and progress in many directions," yet they deplore that not more have been inclined to "come out on the Lord's side." They rejoice in an unexpected amount of offerings for the work both at home and elsewhere.

Judging by a detailed account which has been laid before the congregation and not reported to this Classis, and looking at the Boonton

church in the light of a spiritual temple, it presents to the world the front of solid mason work.

First, Little Falls, feels the effect of the financial depression, being situate in a manufacturing town. At the same time they have done great things in the way of material improvements. Their liberality has abounded. The church in every way seems to be "in a good condition." Some have also confessed Jesus as their Saviour.

Second, Little Falls, sends only statistics. It seems they are doing what they can.

Montville, comes to Classis with statistics only.

Sixth, Holland, gives no account of its condition beyond bare statistics.

People's Park make an explanation why they have made no offerings to our Boards or other objects of benevolence. They seem to have had their hands full in enlarging their home work. Building of sanctuary and parsonage seems to have depleted their treasury.

Pompton rejoices in a year of good work and blessing. Grace has crowned the year. Several have borne testimony to renewing grace. The people have shown their faith by their works.

Pompton Plains, adds nothing to their statistics. However, these statistics show they have not been standing idle in the market.

Ponds Church.—Only statistics. Their shepherd having left them about a year ago, their pastures may not have been as green as at former times. This doubtless accounts for a smaller harvest.

Preakness has not really lost any of her working forces, though some families are not among them now. The winter season in the church has been somewhat like the winter season outside, a trifle dull. However there has been quite some activity in certain lines. Material improvements have been made. The King's Daughters have gone on their errands of mercy, whilst the "C. E." as usual persisted in showing its ever growing strength. On the whole they are cheerful, and take a cheerful view of their situation and future.

Riverside has abounded in the work of the Lord. The financial distress round and about them has more than filled their hearts with care and their hands with work. The means of grace are bearing fruit at least in an increased attendance upon the divine services. Their extra efforts have resulted not so much in gaining new recruits for the Lord's army as in better equipping the old soldiers to do battle for the Lord. "The year has been one of seed sowing rather than one of ingathering of souls.

First, Totowa, is favored with "a year of growth." "The presence of the Lord has unmistakably been their inheritance." There is a

General rally, in that old church, around the standard of the cross. It is pressing with renewed energy to the front.

The *Union Reformed*, reports "nothing special." They doubtless mean things spiritual, for in things temporal, considering these straightened times, and the financial status of most of the members of that Church, they have pushed on with gigantic efforts.

They feel encouraged as they think of the precious youths they have snatched from the world's domain and have enlisted them in the cause of our Lord.

No "spiritual dyspepsia" in that church, blessed be God.

Wyckoff, closes the church year with the doxology—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Peace and harmony hold once more, undisputed sway. The average attendance of about 40, during the winter Sunday evenings, has increased to a full house. The young convert in his blooming teens has stood side by side with the hoary head of 80 winters, to bear testimony to Jesus' love and the renewing power of the Spirit, to the number of 16. A Y. P. S. C. E. has at last been launched forth full of hope and courage. In temporal things large improvements have been made, while in works of benevolence they have grown stronger. To God be the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WESTVEER, *Chairman.*

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The pastoral relation between Rev. George Niemeyer and the church of Ponds was dissolved May 15, 1893, and on the same date Rev. George Niemeyer was dismissed to the Classis of Ulster.

The Rev. Jan Smit was received by letter from the Classis of Iowa, July 31st, 1893, and installed pastor of the Peoples Park Holland Reformed Church, of Paterson, August 10th, 1893.

The pastoral relations of Rev. A. D. W. Mason and the church of Boonton were dissolved January 2d, 1894, and he was dismissed April 10th, to South Classis of Long Island.

The Rev. J. W. Conklin was received by letter from the Classis of Arcot, India, April 10th, 1894.

J. O. VAN FLEET, (S. C.)

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

In the following paragraphs the remarks appended to the reports from the various churches are summarized :

The report from *North and Southampton* contains words of gratitude for continued blessings both spiritual and temporal. Those mentioned are continued harmony; accessions on confession of a few; the prompt meeting of financial obligations, and commendable liberality. Contributions to the Boards of the church, however, show a considerable decrease, due largely to hard times. Last year's contributions were above the average, however.

Harlingen also rejoices in entire harmony, and in well attended public services. Also in the fact that in spite of financial depression and severe drought the church work has been maintained without difficulty and the contributions to benevolent objects have increased. No sacramental season has passed without accessions.

Neshanic reports that the church is in a good condition. The people are earnest and regular in attending to their religious duties, maintain the Sunday-schools and prayer meetings faithfully, and contribute liberally to every benevolent call. The church has been adequately maintained, and the benevolent contributions show an increase over last year. There has been no increase in the membership, for though there have been twelve accessions, as many have either died or been dismissed. This showing is especially creditable when it is considered that for three months the pastor was laid aside by illness. We rejoice with the people in his restoration to his work.

First, Philadelphia.—On account of the serious illness of the pastor no remarks accompanied the statistical report.

Second, Philadelphia has more than held its place in its present field where it has recently decided to remain. Over \$1,000 have been expended upon the interior of the church, and all financial obligations faithfully met. Twice during the year evangelistic services have been held with good results to the members, but without securing large accessions. The report of contributions to benevolent objects was not in full, but the pastor estimated that about \$500.00 should be added to the amount reported, thus bringing the benevolence well up to last year's report.

Fourth, Philadelphia presents a very encouraging report, especially dwelling upon work with and through the young people. Special services during the first weeks of the new year resulted in many conversions and a number of accessions. The remaining new disciples are expected to unite with the church later. Both the Senior and Junior C. E. Societies, the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, the King's Daughters and the Sunday-school with a large and well attended Bible class are all doing earnest and aggressive work. The money obligations of the church have been promptly met, much suffering in church

and out has been relieved, and the debt reduced by many hundreds of dollars. There has, however, been a decrease in contributions to denominational objects.

Blawenburgh rejoices in the consummation of new pastoral relations and in the opportunity for continued usefulness. The church is in a healthy spiritual condition, and larger results are looked for in the near future.

Stanton reports that both minister and people have been encouraged by great regularity in attendance upon the church services. The Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society have been well maintained, and much good accomplished through them. Some greatly needed repairs have been made upon the church property.

Clover Hill has to say only this, that it is steadily endeavoring to accomplish its mission. A decrease in benevolent contributions is noticed.

Rocky Hill rejoices in twenty-one additions to membership, fifteen being on confession. Thus God is blessing the new relations. Some repairs have been made to the property of the church, and everything indicates churchly prosperity.

From the *Fifth Reformed Church of Philadelphia* comes the cheering news that, though many of the people have been unable to obtain steady employment during the year, the church work has not been materially hindered, but on the contrary several hundred dollars have been expended for needed repairs, and the church debt reduced to \$250.00. Contributions to benevolent objects have about equalled those of last year. The services have been well attended and the young people take a lively interest in the Lord's work.

From *Addisville* comes the report of a year of sowing but not of reaping. Church work has been maintained quietly, and with elements of encouragement. But the reaping is not yet. The envelope system for the collection of money for church expenses has been successfully introduced. An effort was made to keep the benevolent contributions up to the standard of last year, but was not attended with entire success.

Three Bridges rejoices in another year of financial prosperity, and especially in the fact that the benevolent contributions have shown a slight increase. But spiritually it has been a year of sowing rather than of reaping. The Sunday-school and C. E. Society have held their own, but seem to lack that zeal and enthusiasm that are essential to the best results. The completion of 20 years of church work was celebrated in July, and the publication of a neat manual marks the beginning of a new era as well as the close of the old. The *Church*

Beacon—a little monthly has just made its appearance. Mention should also be made of the zeal and financial success of the Ladies Aid Society.

Talmage Memorial closes a year of general prosperity, noting an increase in church attendance and spiritual growth. Especial mention is made of the work of the Sunday-school. The systematic beneficence plan has met with marked success. The Society of King's Daughters has assumed responsibility for the interest on the debt, which has been somewhat decreased. The departure of our pastor for another field is a matter of general regret, but another under-shepherd is sought from Him who is the great Shepherd of the sheep. Notice is taken of the fact that no contributions were made to the benevolent Boards and funds of the church except in the Sunday-school.

From an examination of these reports and of the appended statistics your Committee gathers that the year has been one of steady growth. The churches have been maintained in a generally prosperous condition. There have been no large accessions on confession, but almost without exception the churches have been blessed with some additions from the world. All have felt the financial depression, and have endeavored to rise superior to it. Though not entirely successful the showing is a good one. The contributions to benevolent objects are nearly equal to those of 1892, and about $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. less than reported last year, when an especial effort was made to remove the debts upon the Boards of Missions. However the contributions to denominational objects have suffered most largely, there being a falling off of nearly 17 per cent. As was to be expected unusual demands have been made upon home charities, and hence the amount contributed to denominational objects has decreased.

O. M. VOORHEES, *Chairman.*

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The licentiate, Orville J. Hogan was received May 24, 1893, from the Classis of New Brunswick, and on the afternoon of the same day was ordained and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Rocky Hill, N. J.

On May 24, 1893, the licentiate, John S. Van Orden, was received from the Classis of Paramus and ordained and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Blawenburgh, N. J., on June 14, 1893.

The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Elias W. Thompson and the Talmage Memorial Church of Philadelphia, was dissolved Feb. 26, 1894, and Mr. Thompson was dismissed to the Classis of Illinois, within whose bounds he had received and accepted a call.

FRANCIS M. KIP, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

First, an abstract of the reports of the several churches.

First, Raritan.—The pastor of this church has been in charge less than six months. Work has been prosecuted along the lines laid down by his predecessor with apparently happy results. A fair number of converts were received at last communion; the missionary interest is unabated; finances are easy; fellowship prevails. The pastor is grateful for the affectionate reception accorded him by the people, and prays for no higher joy than that of ministering to them in Christ.

Readington has mingled regrets and rejoicings. Regrets, at the gradual decline of the number of families in attendance upon church services. Deaths, removals, and occupancy of farms by non-church goers, are enumerated as causes. In ten years a reduction from 215 to 165 in the number of families has occurred. Among the causes of rejoicing are given, the large and interested attendance upon church services, a slight increase in the benevolent contributions, notwithstanding the severe pressure of the "hard times" upon the farming community especially, and the fact that the year is an anniversary one, the 10th of the present pastorate, and the 175th of the church's organization.

Bedminster reports a year of prosperity. The services and activities of the church have been regularly maintained. As a result of special services beginning with the week of prayer, there have been 40 conversions a number of whom have joined contiguous congregations. The congregation has not allowed the "hard times" to diminish in the least their benevolent contributions.

Lebanon reports a year of quiet prosperity. The financial depression prevalent has prevented work contemplated. The preaching of the gospel of Christ has been honored by the addition of nine members to the communion of the church on confession of faith. Three Christian Endeavor Societies are doing a good work.

Rockaway cheerfully remarks the removal of a debt remaining from last year for improvements on church building, and the meeting of the expense for a new church chandelier. Best of all they rejoice in the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit, in a series of special services beginning with the week of prayer and ending the middle of March. As a result 25 were added to the church on confession of faith at the March communion, with more to follow.

North Branch realizes both joy and sadness. They deplore the small number of accessions to membership. They have cause for gratitude

and encouragement in the harmony and fellowship of the members of the church and community ; in the reverent attendance at church services ; in increased consecration and devotion of professors as evinced in the Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting ; in the ready and cheerful responses to appeals for financial aid in carrying on the Lord's work. Current expenses have been met with a small balance in the treasury, and benevolent contributions have lost but little, in comparison with former years of prosperity.

Second, Ravitan reports a year of happy progress. A young ladies Foreign Missionary Society has been organized during the year, which contributes \$40 per year for the support of a young girl in one of the Mission Schools in Japan. The Y. P. S. C. E. has adopted a system of offerings by which it raises \$60 per year for Foreign and Domestic missions. The Junior S. of C. E. has raised about \$200 towards the new church building fund. The Ladies Foreign Missionary Society has increased its offerings to \$116. The church thankfully records, that notwithstanding the business depression the benevolent offerings have increased, the current expenses been met, and subscriptions of about \$17,000 paid in to the new church building fund. The old chapel has been sold. The new one will be ready for occupancy next month, and it is hoped the new church will be completed and dedicated in the Fall.

Peapack has sent no report to the Committee.

Branchville closes the year free of any encumbrance. Nine have professed faith in Christ, and there is a united, steady interest in, and willingness to do the Lord's work.

Third, Ravitan has reason to believe that God's blessing has been with them. Church services have been well attended. The Sunday-school has maintained its efficiency. The Y. P. S. C. E. continues to interest the young people, and to promote their spiritual growth and helpfulness in the work of the church. The "hard times" have been severely felt among the manufacturing part of the congregation, yet church expenses have been met, the parsonage painted, and apportionments for Mission Boards more than met.

Pottersville has been without a pastor since July last, and deprived of worshipping in their church for three months on account of damage by lightning to the house of worship. The pulpit has been supplied since Nov. 26, and services have been well attended. A spirit of unity prevails in the church, and a readiness to work for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

High Bridge began with its present pastorate in August last. Dur-

ing the year ten have united with the church, three by certificate, and seven on confession at the last communion.

A steam heater has been placed in the church at a cost of \$700 and all the material interests of the congregation are in prosperous condition. The benevolent operations interfered with during the year have been resumed. The Sabbath-school is prosperous, and there is a large Christian Endeavor Society.

Annandale reports nothing of special interest. The means of grace have been regularly maintained. The week of prayer was followed by a week of special service. The Sabbath-school and Christian Endeavor Society are well attended, active and earnest in work for the Master. The current expenses have been met, and \$250 paid on debt. Full satisfaction is expressed with the services of the Rev. A. McWilliam as Stated Supply.

Fourth, Raritan comes with rejoicing at the success the Lord has given them. Though the congregation is made up mostly of the working class of small means, the willing hearts and open hands of the people have kept the receipts up to those of previous years. Nineteen new members have confessed faith in Christ during the year. The total of membership is now 120, with 20 on the retired list. They ask help from Classis that they may be enabled to have their own pastor.

In summing up these separate reports, and comparing the result of the year's work with that of the former year, we find cause for rejoicing that the good hand of the Lord has been with us as a Classis. While there has been a diminution of 11 from the number of families reported last year, the total in communion has increased from 3,595 to 3,634. The additions on confession of faith have been 139 as against 79 of last year. The largest accessions have been, to Rockaway, 29; Bedminster, 19; and Fourth Raritan, 19. Rockaway and Bedminster each held a season of special service following the week of prayer. To none of the churches has the year been barren of conversions. The average for the thirteen churches reported is over ten for the year, while the average for last year was less than six.

The aggregate of the benevolent contributions has fallen off for the whole Classis, only \$837.91, making a total of \$5,637.31, notwithstanding the severity of the financial depression during the year.

While several churches have had manifestations of the special presence and power of the Holy Spirit, in the conversion of souls; many of the churches speak of increased attendance and seriousness in connection with the preaching of the word, and of the development of the graces of the Holy Spirit, particularly among the young through their Societies of Christian endeavor.

The review of the year closing, thus affords abundant encouragement to abiding trust in our covenant keeping Jehovah, and to renewed fidelity for the time to come, knowing that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

Ministerial Changes for the year have been as follows :

Rev. J. P. Searle has been elected Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, by the last General Synod, the pastoral relation between him and the First Raritan church has been dissolved, and brother Searle dismissed from the Classis, to General Synod.

The pastoral relation between Rev. George Davis and the church of Peapack has been dissolved, and brother Davis dismissed to the Classis of Kingston.

The licentiate, Isaac Sperling, was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, ordained to the gospel ministry, and installed pastor over the church of Branchville.

Rev. Isaac L. Kip has been received from the Classis of Schenectady and installed pastor over the church of High Bridge.

Rev. William Stockton Cranmer has been received from the North Classis of Long Island and installed pastor over the First Raritan church.

A. J. HAGEMAN.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.		Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Objects.		Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, Hackensack.....	Herman Vanderwart.....	190	25	18	4	.....	6	405	11	7	.....	300	1	450	\$2,032 00	\$620 00	\$4,407 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Schraalenburgh.....	George H. Cotton.....	93	13	3	1	.....	5	116	3	6	.....	116	1	116	225 22	23 65	2,393 25	Schraalenburgh, " "
English Neighborhood.....	{ A. B. Taylor, Em. Ferry Martyn... }	37	23	18	3	.....	3	85	2	7	.....	.....	1	94	55 00	228 55	1,875 00	{ Englewood, Ridgely, " "
New Durham.....	Isaac W. Gowen.....	180	47	9	2	.....	8	386	25	13	.....	150	2	1,020	858 97	322 09	3,127 23	Weehawken, " "
First, Hoboken.....	Henry Mattice.....	71	1	10	8	.....	1	231	13	.....	.....	45	1	143	138 45	36 00	1,063 45	Hoboken, " "
Park Ch., Jersey City.....	J. Francis Morgan.....	231	18	10	18	.....	1	420	7	1	.....	34	1	363	134 45	171 96	3,665 18	281 Pavonia ave., J. City.
North Bergen.....	John Justin.....	62	5	6	1	.....	5	300	15	.....	.....	34	1	430	102 00	45 00	1,674 73	Weehawken, N. J.
Second, Hackensack.....	Arthur Johnson.....	148	18	29	8	.....	7	303	6	2	.....	250	1	310	916 99	1,114 38	5,114 23	Hackensack, " "
German Ev., Hoboken.....	John Rudolph.....	81	9	12	2	.....	22	502	156	1	.....	11	1	120	140 24	626 98	5,000 00	248 Garden st., Hoboken.
Third, Hackensack.....	John Rembin.....	70	2	1	.....	.....	2	81	49	1	.....	89	1	135	141 00	66 96	1,000 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter City.....	Henry Ward, (s. c.).....	70	1	3	.....	.....	2	130	17	1	.....	67	1	107	65 57	85 00	1,731 00	Closter, " "
Palisades.....	Artemus Dean.....	20	10	2	.....	.....	2	40	17	.....	.....	27	1	200	100 00	5 00	222 16	Fort Lee, " "
Guttenberg.....	Vacant.....	20	2	3	.....	.....	2	40	17	.....	.....	27	1	200	100 00	5 00	222 16	Guttenberg, " "
Central av., Jersey City.....	Charles S. Wright.....	100	11	14	.....	.....	1	168	10	2	.....	220	1	375	100 00	5 00	3,800 00	877 Bowersst., Jersey City.
Cherry Hill.....	Abram Durjee, P. E.....	50	1	3	.....	.....	1	63	4	1	.....	.....	1	93	49 49	.....	2,449 68	Cherry Hill, " "
Secaucus.....	Vacant.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	65	.....	.....	250 00	Secaucus, " "
Spring Valley.....	Vacant.....	20	7	4	.....	.....	1	94	2	5	.....	.....	1	58	10 00	6 51	188 46	Maywood, " "
Westwood.....	David M. Tallage.....	70	7	4	.....	.....	1	54	13	.....	.....	115	1	202	274 98	26 72	1,413 26	Westwood, " "
Oradell.....	John T. E. DeWitt.....	64	4	3	.....	.....	1	36	7	.....	.....	48	1	79	186 00	.....	9,872 73	Oradell, " "
Hasbrouck Heights.....	Charles I. Shepard.....	45	3	7	.....	.....	1	36	7	.....	.....	48	1	79	10 00	81 58	1,079 27	Hasbrouck Heights, " "
Total.....	Total.....	1,552	287	137	74	371	3,302	341	46	331	1,538	21	5,090	85,440	39	\$3,465 38	\$52,038 74		

Other Ministers.—Wm. Manchee, Passaic, N. J.; I. E. House, Nyack, N. Y.; Jas. H. Balleggh, Missionary, Yokohama, Japan; F. Kern, Newark, N. J.

Candidates.—Carl Krause, Robert W. Blake.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Confession.		On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Enrollment.	Benevolent.			
				Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.												Congregational.			
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brett.....	311	33	17	23	5	7	454	31	9	200	450	3	850	3	850	\$1,112 00	\$1,187 00	\$9,011 00	509 Bergen ave., Jersey City.
First, Bayonne.....	Chas. H. Jones.....	288	17	25	5	7	454	4	5	4	389	490	2	718	2	718	435 00	1,130 00	2,410 00	715 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne st., J. City.....	Paul D. VanCleave.....	96	16	8	14	3	175	4	5	50	187	1	357	1	357	439 00	439 00	3,983 00	288 Barrow st., J. City "	
Bergen Point.....	Thomas E. Inglis.....	78	2	11	6	1	104	5	50	72	1	141	1	141	720 00	720 00	4,000 00	53 Lord ave., Bayonne, "		
Second, Hudson City.....	Emil A. Meury.....	148	13	2	29	4	2	173	81	9	210	53	1	600	125 00	125 00	192 00	192 00	4,967 00	14 Sherman Place, J. City.
Lafayette.....	Thomas J. Komers.....	110	6	9	4	2	3	256	11	4	100	25	2	500	377	377	18 00	18 00	4,710 00	239 Pacific ave., J. City, N. J.
Greenville.....	William P. Bruce.....	175	14	13	12	3	236	20	1	102	11	3	164	2	500	350 00	350 00	4,544 00	89 Danforth ave., "	
Free, Jersey City.....	Charles L. Clift.....	105	22	2	2	1	102	11	3	164	1	110	1	346	50 00	50 00	3 00	3 00	1,422 00	61 Grand st., "
Third, Bayonne.....	Matthew Muller.....	49	38	10	4	4	3	120	16	10	120	16	1	400	25 00	25 00	38 00	38 00	716 00	Bayonne, "
South Bergen.....	William D. Grant.....	162	10	4	4	3	120	16	10	8	34	19	1	250	244 00	244 00	62 00	62 00	6,729 00	Bergen & Boyd av., J. City.
First Ger. Ev., J. City.....	Julius Flecke.....	95	16	10	10	8	200	60	...	...	120	120	2	325	48 00	48 00	150 00	150 00	1,020 00	96 Wayne street, "
St. John's Ger. Ev.....	Gottlieb Andraea.....	83	20	10	10	8	200	60	...	...	120	120	2	325	48 00	48 00	150 00	150 00	1,800 00	48 Fairview ave., "
Total.....		1,699	207	91	80	1	82	3,048	293	38	1,467	1,545	17	5,034	17	5,034	\$4,350 00	\$3,889 00	\$45,312 00	

* Resident members—48 absentees not reported. † Revised list.

Other Ministers—James L. Amerman, Assistant Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 25 East 22d St., New York City; William R. Duryee, Professor in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Students under care of Classis.—Edward Meury, Jersey City; Robert Thomas Wilson, Bergen Point, N. J.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.																			
			Rec'd		On Confession.		On Certificate.		Dismissed.		Suspended.		Died.		Total now in Com- munion.		Infants.		Adults.		No. of Baptized.		Non-Communicants.		Catechumens.		Number of Sabbath-Schools.		Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		Other Objects.		Congregational.		
			8	4	6	4	182	3	0	3	150	2	180	\$ 36 03	\$24 60	\$1,346 62	Marlboro, Mon. Co., N. J.																				
First, Freehold.....	Charles W. VanZee.....	102	8	4	6	4	182	3	0	3	150	2	180	\$ 36 03	\$24 60	\$1,346 62	Freehold, " " " "																				
Holmdel.....	{ Wm. Reiley, (Em.)..... { Garret Wyckoff..... { C. Spanliding, (Em.).....	90	6	2	12	3	194	3	2	.....	100	1	100	303 00	75 00	1,500 00	Holmdel, " " " "																			
Spotswood	{ W. H. Vandoren..... { Peter K. Hageman.....	51	16	7	2	4	96	8	6	.....	45	2	115	148 56	3 50	1,110 00	29 Franklinst., Newark " " " "																			
Middletown.....	Peter K. Hageman.....	40	7	2	1	2	103	2	2	.....	1	67	99 23	.....	.....	964 26	Spotswood, Middlesex Co., N. J.																	
Second, Freehold.....	I. P. Brokaw.....	135	40	11	3	3	350	8	24	70	150	1	210	703 33	55 89	3,696 20	Freehold, " " " "																				
Keyport.....	J. T. Schock.....	46	6	2	3	1	100	2	1	32	.....	1	78	76 10	2 50	1,230 59	Keyport, " " " "																			
Long Branch.....	A. B. Herman, (S. C.).....	112	22	6	1	0	168	5	7	.....	1	177	148 06	10 00	1,728 14	Long Branch, " " " "																				
Colls Neck.....	S. R. Cunningham.....	88	0	5	8	2	132	5	0	.....	1	105	157 86	8 24	1,385 44	Colls Neck, " " " "																				
Highlands.....	Vacant.....	15	.....	5	2	1	87	.....	.....	26	73	1	121	1 75	.....	165 61	Highlands, " " " "																
Asbury Park.....	E. C. Scudder.....	70	.....	5	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	97	122 46	.....	1,697 00	Asbury Park, " " " "													
Total.....	Total.....	749	105	44	38	6	211,419	29	42	131	518	121,300	\$1,796 38	\$179 73	\$14,733 86																						

Other Ministers—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
				Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.
Belleville	A. Hageman, (s. c.)...	125	4	12	13	2	5	225	2	...	100	180	1	210	\$ 276 75	\$ 11 55	\$1,945 79	Belleville, N. J.
First, Newark	T. J. Lee	225	9	7	18	...	4	*445	1	3	...	300	2	360	649 09	297 00	4,359 29	Newark, "
Irlington	Vacant	1102	...	...	...	...	...	181	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
N. Y. Ave., Newark	John S. Allen	139	18	11	7	...	3	221	8	5	150	...	1	320	399 63	120 77	4,637 66	Newark, Essex Co.
Franklin	William Stuart	94	8	6	3	...	2	116	4	1	207	...	1	118	63 57	29 75	1,391 91	Newark, Franklin, Essex Co.
North, Newark	Vacant	288	5	7	6	...	3	631	17	...	...	3	3	857	4,427 44	48 30	7,530 52	Newark, "
West, Newark	Carl Girtanner	86	20	...	...	...	...	287	70	3	...	35	1	270	28 00	8 00	1,300 00	Newark, "
Clinton ave., Newark	Daniel H. Martin	390	13	34	15	...	11	*562	12	2	...	244	2	798	4,361 05	1,055 23	10,010 07	Newark, "
Trinity, Newark	J. N. Morris	110	7	...	...	...	...	160	2	2	83	...	1	300	46 93	20 00	1,628 47	Newark, "
Linden	Vacant	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,019 94	"
Christ, Woodside	Vacant .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,505 52	"
Stone House Plains	W. E. Bogardus, P. E	166	7	25	15	...	2	257	3	2	...	...	1	298	98 74	575 93	1,464 97	Brookdale, "
Orange	George S. Bishop	45	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	122	132 30	16 00	1 46	"
Trinity, Plainfield	Cornelius Schenck	274	33	21	33	1	6	574	10	1	...	226	1	338	1,093 54	75 67	43,022 12	East Orange, "
German, Plainfield	Vacant	240	19	18	28	...	4	521	6	9	...	...	1	388	805 37	324 39	6,199 07	Plainfield, "
Avondale	Vacant	49	2	1	...	...	2	*72	11	...	...	1	...	68	34 00	...	758 00	"
Total	Total	110	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	83	...	1	...	...	...	...	"
		2,265	151	149	146	3	54	4,412	156	29	584	985	20	4,764	\$12,490 50	\$2,582 58	\$46,753 33	
																		+ Exclusive of Minister's Support.
																		* Revised list.
																		† Last year's report.

* Revised list.

† Last year's report.

† Exclusive of Minister's Support.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Geener, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jensen, 344 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.
M. G. Hansen, 70 Ashland Ave., East Orange, N. J.; David Waters, Newark, N. J.; Frederick Koechli, Plainfield, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Peckman.....	313	11	3	14	16	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14</

* Revised Lists.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, Ralph Willis, E. T. Corwin, (s. c.), all of New Brunswick, N. J.; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord Patchogue, N. Y.; A. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; Eugene Booth, Yokohama, Japan; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.

Candidates.—T. DeWitt Relley, Chadwick, N. J.; Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.; A. G. VanAken, New Brunswick, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					B.A.P.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			On Confession.	Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.	
													Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		
Acquanoneck.....	John Gaston.....	150	25	5	8	1	378	13	4	176	1	325	\$1,374 00	\$850 23	\$4,468 00	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
B'way, Paterson.....	N. H. VanArsdale.....	90	3	3	3	2	207	3	...	43	1	225	496 78	101 65	3,563 74	Paterson, " "
Centerville.....	Ernest VanArsdale.....	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,241 64	Athens, " "
Clarkstown.....	Eugene Hill.....	80	13	6	2	2	183	2	8	55	70	180	318 64	183 47	1,781 05	W. Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Clifton.....	E. Birdsall.....	50	12	3	6	2	65	6	3	28	120	136	109 63	79 26	2,920 34	Clifton, Passaic Co., N. J.
First, Clifton.....	Vacant.....	46	3	6	9	0	40	8	0	120	32	170	188 00	20 00	820 00	Paterson, " "
First, Holland, Pat'su Vacant.....	George G. Seibert.....	55	10	4	4	0	54	2	2	180	187	176	84 21	7 25	928 90	Garfield, Bergen Co., " "
Garfield.....	Vacant.....	42	0	0	2	0	3	54	11	0	120	35	16 00	...	450 00	Lodi, " "
Holland, Lodi.....	W. M. C. Jacobs.....	*185	16	14	5	14	275	40	1	144	100	1	49 25	147 50	1,500 00	Passaic, Passaic Co., " "
Holland, Passaic.....	J. H. Whitehead.....	61	14	13	7	...	127	41	1	144	110	3	40	22 70	1,140 00	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., " "
Hol'd, Wortendyke.....	William I. Leggett.....	100	38	4	7	2	333	16	9	250	1	445	1,130 29	625 87	7,370 77	Passaic, Passaic Co., " "
Nyack.....	William H. Vroom.....	161	37	33	10	9	368	5	9	62	165	1	255	268 85	3,863 64	Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Paramus.....	Edward Lodewick.....	110	7	3	5	7	195	17	5	157	50	1	283 80	35 14	2,947 76	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pascack.....	Vacant.....	160	10	1	1	5	130	5	...	130	1	130	268 19	30 00	2,068 79	Park Ridge, " "
Piermont.....	Vacant.....	63	7	2	12	4	124	2	4	...	150	1	235 92	174 07	2,196 96	Piermont, Rock'nd Co., N. Y.
Ramapo.....	A. A. King.....	73	31	3	4	109	14	12	...	75	2	200	46 00	10 00	1,250 00	Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ramseys.....	Vacant.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ramseys, " "
Ridgewood.....	J. A. Van Neste.....	120	7	9	8	2	211	9	1	215	154	2	300	211 81	4,029 51	Ridgewood, " "
Saddle River.....	Isaac Van Kampen.....	55	3	4	1	1	57	2	...	25	1	80	29 00	...	975 00	Saddle River, " "
Second, Lodi.....	William Johnson.....	*41	7	2	...	...	77	8	2	...	15	2	132 50	85 30	918 00	Lodi, " "
Second, Totowa.....	{ J. H. Durvea, (Em.) { T. W. Welles, (S. C.)	*180	10	5	5	2	375	26	2	200	1	550	445 13	689 47	4,378 05	17 Temple st., Paterson, " "
Spring Valley.....	Cornelius E. Crispell.....	85	6	4	10	2	110	1	...	60	200	1	244	247 26	1,416 32	Spring Valley, Rock dCo., N. Y.
Tappan.....	M. N. Oliver.....	60	4	6	1	1	105	2	...	60	60	13	73	124 43	10 99	Tappan, " "
Warwick.....	Peter Crispell.....	148	13	13	9	...	247	10	10	71	123	1	140	270 87	3,047 86	Warwick, Orange Co., " "
WestNew Hempst'd.....	Thos. S. Dushinberre.....	49	...	...	1	1	102	8	...	...	1	71	107 50	6 33	644 21	Viola, Rockland Co., " "
Total.....		2,124	270	138	113	208	3,948	247	70	1,154	2,311	324	\$8,516 47	\$3,760 03	\$55,108 50	

* Revised.
 o One union.
 t Ten churches not reporting.
 Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, New York Observer, 37 and 38 Park Row, New York City; Cornelius R. Blauvoet, Nyack, N. Y.; James Huyseoon, (Em.), Paterson, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.	C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	Number of Families.	On Confession.	Rec'd.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.		Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benefvolent.	Congregational.	
Boardville.....	Vacant.....	70	0	0	2	1	2	1	3	76	2	0	60	55	1	100	\$242 99	\$ 50 85	\$1,468 08	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Boonton.....	J. W. Conklin, (S. S.)	60	0	0	2	1	3	1	3	116	3	0	291	189	1	189	195 24	19 15	943 29	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
Fairfield.....	J. O. Van Fleet, (S. C.)	76	9	0	5	3	4	2	3	164	3	2	50	.....	1	130	171 09	25 00	8,334 71	Little Falls, "
First, Little Falls.....	Vacant.....	40	3	0	3	4	3	1	1	54	0	0	90	.....	1	155	19 00	18 00	351 00	Little Falls, "
Second, ".....	G. A. Luckenbill.....	40	2	0	3	2	2	1	1	48	0	1	178	545	1	100	102 32	24 93	1,162 43	Boonton, Morris Co., "
Montville.....	E. Van Fleet.....	522	98	17	32	11	638	103	0	1,778	189	0	291	189	1	1,000	260 00	.....	2,540 00	Fairson, "
6th Holland Church.....	John Smith.....	90	27	5	6	1	246	51	0	291	3	16	231	70	2	423	412 97	97 93	3,900 00	Paterson, "
People's Park.....	Ferdinand S. Wilson.....	100	23	5	6	1	246	51	0	291	3	16	231	70	2	423	692 09	.....	1,466 89	Riverdale, Morris Co., "
Pompton Plains.....	Chas. J. Allen.....	150	7	0	0	0	296	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,888 27	Pompton Plains, "	
Pompton Plains.....	Vacant.....	65	0	0	0	0	170	4	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,211 71	23 Bank st., Paterson, "	
Ponds.....	Geo. W. Labaw.....	45	4	0	0	0	190	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,736 53	37 E. 16th st., "	
Peakness.....	Thos. B. Church.....	110	27	5	6	0	230	9	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,941 86	Paterson, "	
Riverside, Paterson.....	Thos. Powell Vernoll.....	130	27	5	10	3	250	8	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,050 08	Paterson, "	
First, Totowa.....	Heleneus E. Nies.....	222	21	6	11	8	335	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,246 51	Paterson, "	
Union Reformed.....	Adrian Westveer.....	85	16	4	0	0	7	130	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 63	56 34	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "
Wyckoff.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	1,805	171	101	58	1	442,783	233	43	2,338	1,447	19,312	\$2,823 98	\$725 04	\$82,086 25					

* Revised.

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J.; Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.						C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
				Recd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.			
																		Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
N. & Southampton.	Horace P. Craig.....	115	140	6	4	14	6	6	211	3	5	248	4	300	3947 21	\$347 21	\$ 13 37	\$1,614 92	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip. (s.c.).....	140	9	5	10	5	5	237	9	8	.....	.....	4	215	.....	190 10	68 80	1,425 18	1,425 18	Harlingen, New Jersey.
Neshanic	John Hart.....	140	6	6	6	6	6	247	7	2	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	356 77	91 29	1,824 14	1,824 14	Neshanic, "
First, Philadelphia.	P. H. Milliken.....	100	4	1	2	1	1	256	5	0	.....	375	2	280	.....	1,640 00	229 00	4,385 35	4,385 35	1433 Poplar St., Phila., Pa.
Second, "	William H. Tracy.....	225	8	5	5	3	3	348	5	2	.....	200	1	483	.....	328 68	591 50	8,363 94	8,363 94	519 Brown St., "
Fourth, "	Taber Knox.....	140	14	7	16	5	5	356	13	5	.....	200	1	110	.....	150 00	194 00	3,004 00	3,004 00	145 Grape St., "
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden.....	90	6	2	5	2	2	167	1	2	.....	14	1	70	.....	67 35	.....	930 00	930 00	Blawenburgh, New Jersey.
Stanton.....	James Bolton (S. S.).....	80	4	.....	3	2	5	150	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 75	.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	Stanton "
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogert.....	75	1	.....	3	2	2	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 75	5 70	1,355 80	1,355 80	Clover Hill, "
Rocky Hill	Orville J. Hogan.....	64	15	6	3	2	2	122	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 88	.....	2,570 00	2,570 00	2223 E. Sus. Ave. Phila., Pa.
Fifth Philadelphia.	C. F. C. Suckow.....	154	.....	4	.....	4	4	237	35	2	.....	31	1	395	.....	190 00	112 00	2,570 00	2,570 00	Richboro, Bucks Co., "
Addisville.....	S. O. Lawsing.....	77	1	1	.....	1	3	106	1	.....	.....	.....	14	240	.....	236 37	.....	1,132 63	1,132 63	Three Bridges, New Jersey.
Three Bridges.....	S. O. Voorhees.....	80	.....	7	3	1	3	143	2	4	.....	60	1	114	.....	126 52	6 40	969 53	969 53	Three Bridges, New Jersey.
Talmage Memorial	Vacant	80	8	6	4	.....	1	77	4	1	.....	.....	.....	160	.....	55 73	10 00	1,934 46	1,934 46	Cor. Manayunk Ave. & Penn [St., Phila.
Total.....	.....	1,560	82	50	73	3	48	2,784	90	29	.....	928	28	2,930	.....	\$3,907 56	\$1,313 06	\$31,530 01	\$31,530 01	.....

* Revised list.

† 80 Non-resident members.

‡ One union.

Other Ministers.—C. E. Gramm ; A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
		Census.	Number of Families.	On Confession.	Rec'd.	Total now in Com- munion.	Total munion.	Died.	Suspended.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.		
											On Certificate.	Dismissed.			Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptizants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.
First, Raritan.....	Wm. Stockton Cranmer.....	285	12	11	14	1	514	19	.....	1	310	\$1,034 00	\$397 00	\$4,651 00	Somerville, N. J.
Readington.....	B. V. D. Wyckoff.....	165	6	7	3	7	317	9	4	100	4	312 00	93 79	1,516 63	Readington, "
Redminister.....	T. Walker Jones.....	106	19	4	8	2	247	5	7	175	1	610 13	133 40	1,370 15	Redminister, "
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis.....	229	9	5	2	3	356	6	6	4	250	152 26	11 05	2,333 93	Lebanon, "
Rockaway.....	R. C. Miller, Jr.....	107	23	1	9	1	259	8	9	45	286	115 18	9 95	1,237 20	White House Station, "
North Branch.....	P. M. Doobittle.....	133	1	3	3	1	154	4	1	67	100	387 40	86 56	1,125 51	North Branch, "
Second, Raritan.....	Eadw'd Griffin Read.....	230	8	24	13	10	589	11	2	300	1	1,114 85	117 16	21,250 50	Somerville, "
Peapack.....	Vacant.....	115	6	1	2	2	201	4	201	28	136	52 09	6 07	700 00	Peapack, "
Branchville.....	Isaac Spelling.....	110	9	5	7	5	215	5	2	44	140	249 44	48 52	1,199 56	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan.....	Wm. H. DeHart.....	155	10	5	12	2	323	21	1	200	1	577 92	98 85	2,372 61	Raritan, "
Princetonville.....	Vacant.....	60	3	2	3	1	116	1	1	1	79	40 80	.....	809 53	Pottersville, "
High Bridge.....	Isaac L. Kip.....	99	7	1	3	1	146	3	1	1	135	62 00	3 40	1,254 36	High Bridge, "
Annandale.....	A. McWilliam, (S. S.).....	42	1	1	2	1	67	4	1	30	1	63 09	.....	1,033 57	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan.....	F. Koehli, (S. S.).....	60	19	1	1	1	120	18	.....	.....	.....	16 06	.....	441 00	Somerville, "
Total.....	.....	1,828	139	71	83	34	3,634	118	725	25	2,738	\$4,724 76	\$909 88	\$41,384 55	.....

† Restored.

* Revised.

† Three union.

‡ Last year's report.

Other Ministers—Rev. H. F. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.; Rev. Henry Stout, D.D., Nagasaki, Japan; Rev. J. E. Mesick, D.D., (s. c.) Blawenburgh, N. J.; Rev. Abram N. Wyckoff, Peapack, N. J.; Rev. Charles H. Pool, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. Joel Loucks, Palatine Bridge, N. Y.; Rev. Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; Rev. George J. Van Neste, Millstone, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1894. 48

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		STATED CLERKS.			
				Census	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		
						On Confession.	On Certificate.											Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	
Bergen.....	20	22	2	1,552	287	137	74	3	71	3,302	341	46	331	1,553	21	5,000	\$ 440 39	\$3,465 38	\$2,038 74	Henry Ward.
South Bergen.....	12	15	1	1,699	207	91	80	8	82	3,048	293	38	1,467	1,545	17	5,034	4,350 00	3,889 00	45,312 00	Robert K. Wick.
Newmouth.....	10	13	1	1,699	207	91	80	6	21	1,419	293	42	1,437	1,518	12	1,290	1,796 38	1,779 73	14,733 86	A. B. Herman.
Newark.....	16	16	1	2,265	151	149	146	3	54	4,412	156	29	584	1,985	20	4,764	12,490 50	5,582 58	52,553 33	A. Hageman.
New Brunswick.....	12	18	3	2,192	166	74	63	44	2,616	66	31	20	1,035	203	2,091	5,629 00	1,992 00	1,992 00	32,078 50	Edw. T. Corwin.
Paramus.....	25	23	3	2,124	170	138	113	2	68	3,948	247	70	1,154	2,311	32	4,535	8,516 47	3,750 03	55,160 03	Theo. W. Welles.
Passaic.....	15	14	1	1,806	171	101	58	1	44	2,783	253	43	1,154	1,447	19	3,132	2,823 98	725 04	25,250 31	J. O. Van Fleet.
Philadelphia.....	14	15	1	1,560	82	50	73	3	48	2,784	90	29	.....	928	25	2,030	3,907 56	1,313 06	31,500 01	Francis M. Kip.
Raritan.....	14	19	1	1,828	139	71	83	3	44	3,634	118	37	.....	116	25	2,738	4,724 76	1,909 88	41,574 55	Alex. McWilliam.
	138	155	5	14,774	1,518	855	728	21	476	27,946	1,503	365	6,327	11,047	197	\$18,806 70	\$49,679 04	\$18,806 70	\$343,959 33	

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The report of the Committee on Classical Minutes was as follows :
The Minutes of the Classes have been examined by the sub-committee with these results :

J. W. GOWEN,
JOHN N. JANSEN.

Classis of Bergen.—The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the Classis of Bergen respectfully report :

- 1st. That the records have been accurately kept.
- 2d. That they contain nothing requiring the attention of Synod.
- 3d. That the answers to the constitutional questions are as follows :
1st Question, 20 Churches, Yes.
- 2d " 14 " Yes. 6 No.
- 3d " 19 " Yes. 1 No.
- 4th " 20 " Yes.
- 5th " 18 " Yes. 2 No.
- 6th " 19 " Yes. 1 No.
- 7th " 8 " Yes. 12 No.

All of the twenty churches, however, contribute to one or more of the Boards.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. E. INGLIS.

South Classis of Bergen.—The twelve churches of this Classis answer the constitutional questions as follows :

- 1st Question, All Yes.
- 2d " 8 Yes. 4 No.
- 3d " 10 Yes. 2 No.
- 4th " All Yes.
- 5th " All Yes.
- 6th " All Yes.
- 7th " 6 Yes. 6 No.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. HERMAN.

Classis of Monmouth.—Nine Churches.

1st Question, 9 Yes.

2d " 8 Yes. 1 No.

3d " 8 Yes. 1 No.

4th " 9 Yes.

5th " 9 Yes.

6th " 9 Yes.

7th " 7 Yes. 2 No.

WILLIAM STUART,
J. J. DEMAREST.*Classis of Newark.*

2d Question. 1 Yes. 6 No. 7 in part. 2 No report.

3d " 12 Yes. 2 in part. 2 No report.

F. S. WILSON.

Classis of New Brunswick.—All the churches answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative.

W. M. C. JACOBS.

Classis of Paramus.

2d Question. 10 Yes. 9 No. 5 No report.

Four of these 5 churches are vacant and one was not represented

3d Question. 11 Yes. 12 in Sunday-school. 1 No report.

GEORGE W. LABAW,
J. R. BERDAN.*Classis of Passaic.*

2d Question. 9 Yes. 5 No.

3d " 9 Yes. 5 No.

5th " 13 Yes. 1 No.

6th " 12 Yes. 2 No, in part.

7th " 2 Yes. 12 No.

F. M. KIP.
S. V. LEFFERTS.*Classis of Philadelphia.*

2d Question. 4 No.

3d " All Yes.

ISAAC SPERLING,
WM. V. DALLEY.*Classis of Raritan.*

2d Question. 4 No.

3d " 2 No.

W. P. CRAIG.
S. D. OPIE.

It was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported that nothing had been referred to them.

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

Rev. C. L. Wells, D.D., addressed the Synod as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions, in a comprehensive, and in view of the prevalent financial depression, an encouraging statement of its work. His address was followed with prayer led by Rev. E. G. Read, that God would help us to re-consecrate ourselves to a fuller co-operation with the Board in our gifts.

Rev. Jesse W. Brooks, Ph.D., appeared before Synod in behalf of the Domestic Board, claiming for it full equality with Foreign Missions in the benevolence of the church. Rev. I. W. Gowen led the Synod in prayer for God's blessing in our re-dedication to His work at home.

Synod adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with much satisfaction the addresses delivered by Drs. Wells and Brooks on behalf of the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards of our church, and further would cordially commend the interests of these great schemes to the increased liberality of the members and adherents of the Reformed church. The Synod would also thank these brethren for their able and interesting addresses.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented their report as follows :

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence would report that notwithstanding the depressed financial conditions prevailing during the past year, and the large amounts of special contributions to extinguish the debts of the Boards during the preceding year, the churches of Synod have contributed about the same amount for the regular benevolent work as for the preceding year. This would seem to indicate that the special efforts of General Synod's Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence are beginning to be felt in the churches. We recommend that Synod reiterate the action of last year, and call the attention of the Classes specifically to the action of the Permanent Committee of General Synod on Systematic Beneficence, and that the missionary agents of the different classes seek to introduce, in so far as practicable, the systematic plan recommended by General Synod.

CHAS. S. WRIGHT,
G. D. VAN REIPEN.

It was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE XVI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer presented the following report :

Particular Synod of New Brunswick in account with C. H. Harris,
Treasurer :

DR.		CR.	
March 16, 1893.		May 1, 1893.	
To postage and expenses to I. P. Brokaw	\$ 6 60	By balance bro't forward.....	\$206 36
To Monmouth Democrat.....	98 43		
To A Friend, Hackensack.....	6 00		
To salary, I. P. Brokaw.....	50 00		
To travelling expenses, attending Synod	2 00		
To balance.....	43 33		
	<u>\$206 36</u>		<u>\$206 36</u>
April 30, To Balance.....	\$166 60	March 16.	
		By balance bro't forward.....	\$43 33
		By Classis of Bergen, paid.....	21 87
		" New Brunswick.....	14 58
		" Paramus.....	35 00
		" Passaic.....	15 73
		" Philadelphia.....	15 22
		" Raritan.....	13 46
		" Monmouth.....	7 41
	<u>\$166 60</u>		<u>\$166 60</u>
		April 30, By balance.....	\$166 60

It was accepted, referred to the appropriate committee who reported that they had examined his account with vouchers and found it correct. The Treasurer was authorized to lay such assessment upon the churches as may be necessary to meet the expenses of Synod.

ARTICLE XVII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod appointed 9 A. M., 3 P. M. and 7.30 P. M., as the hours of meeting, and 11.30 P. M. and 5.00 P. M., as the hours of adjournment.

Revs. C. I. Shepard, J. B. Church and Elder F. T. Kirk were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises. They recommended that the Lord's Supper be celebrated at 3 P. M. on Wednesday, the resident to conduct the service and read the form. Rev. T. E. Inglis to make the address at the distribution of the bread, Rev. C. S. Wright to make the address at the distribution of the wine, Elders J. J. Demarest, G. D. VanReyphen, S. V. Leffert and F. Edgar, to assist in the distribution. The services were duly carried out according to this order.

The first hour after the opening of the Synod and the first half hour of the Session of Wednesday morning were occupied with devotional exercises.

Revs. E. G. Read, J. N. Jansen, John Hart and Elders Henry A. Green and Joseph Walker were appointed a Committee to consider the expediency of memorializing General Synod to take such steps as will

dispense with the reading of the VanBenschoten Bequest at the meetings of Synods and Classes.

The Committee presented the following report which was accepted and adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the motion relative to memorializing the General Synod on the subject of the VanBenschoten Bequest, would report the following overture to the General Synod, whose adoption they recommend :

Whereas, there is a doubt in the minds of many brethren in the church whether it is mandatory under the terms of the VanBenschoten Bequest that it should be read at all the regular meetings of our Synods and Classes, and there is a desire on the part of many that the reading should if possible be dispensed with, therefore,

Resolved, that the Particular Synod of New Brunswick hereby respectfully request the General Synod of the Reformed church in America to make careful inquiry whether any interests of the church would be impaired by the abolition of the reading of said document ; and if not, to relieve the Synods and Classes from the rule requiring the reading.

EDWARD G. READ,
JOHN N. JANSEN,
JOHN HART,
J. D. WALKER,
HENRY A. GREEN.

Committee.

Rev. W. W. Moffett, D.D., District Secretary of the American Bible Society for the States of New Jersey and Delaware, addressed the Synod on Wednesday morning, in behalf of the work of the Society, and made grateful acknowledgment of the interest taken in it by the churches of the Synod.

Rev. A. Dewitt Mason, editor of the *Mission Field*, addressed the Synod on Wednesday afternoon, urging the members to introduce the magazine to their churches.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New Brunswick endorse and approve the *Mission Field* under its present management and commend it to all the congregations within our bounds as a valuable medium of information concerning the missionary operations of the Reformed Church at home and in foreign lands.

The Committee on nominations recommend that Rev. T. E. Inglis be

vited to make the address before the next Synod, Rev. C. S. Wright
sing his *Secundus*, the speaker to choose his subject.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted :

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of New Brunswick recognize in
his formal manner their appreciation of the generous hospitality ex-
ended to them by the families of the Reformed churches of Paterson
and of the untiring devotion of the Pastor and officers of the Broad-
way church, in supplying every facility for their convenience and com-
fort and of the assistance of the choir in the services.

Resolved, That we extend to Prof. J. F. Riggs, D.D., a hearty vote
of thanks for his most interesting and profitable discourse.

It was also *resolved* by unanimous vote to amend Rule VI to read
There shall be a sermon or other religious services in the afternoon
evening of the second day of the session, as may be determined be-
rehand by the President, Stated Clerk and Pastor of the church en-
tertaining the Synod."

ARTICLE XVIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations made by the Classes were confirmed :

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

Rev. John Bombin,	Elder T. V. Eaton,
" G. H. Cotton,	" Edgar D. Howland,
" J. T. E. DeWitt,	" H. V. Meeks,
" J. F. Morgan,	" Thomas M. Ward.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. I. Shepard,	Elder Isaac D. Bogert,
" John Justin,	" N. B. Zabriskie,
" C. S. Wright,	" A. G. Sage,
" Arthur Johnson,	" G. N. Comes.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

Rev. C. Brett,	Elder C. C. Westervelt,
" R. K. Wick,	" S. L. Harvey,
" G. Andraea,	" D. V. Bergen.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. Edward Inglis,	Elder Henry Hoersch,
“ Charles L. Clist,	“ Herman Kopf,
“ M. Muller,	“ John Van Horn.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARI.

Rev. I. P. Brokaw,	Elder John B. Conover,
“ A. B. Herman,	“ Dr. J. O. Green,
“ S. R. Cunningham,	“ John Statesir.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. T. Schock,	Elder G. S. Luyster,
“ C. W. Van Zee,	“ Selah Wells,
“ G. Wyckoff,	“ D. T. Polhemus.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARI.

Rev. D. H. Martin,	Elder G. L. VanEmburch,
“ Geo. S. Bishop,	“ Theo. L. Browe,
“ David Waters,	“ Thos. C. Van Reypen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John N. Jansen,	Elder Geo. W. Baldwin,
“ Cornelius Schenck,	“ Wm. E. Geer,
“ Wm. Stuart,	“ Daniel Van Wickle.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARI.

Rev. G. M. S. Blauvelt,	Elder Austin Scott,
“ A. D. Campbell,	“ Jacob J. Janeway,
“ J. L. Southard,	“ H. W. Hoagland.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. P. Peeke,	Elder Jas. Stothoff,
“ J. B. Thompson,	“ H. P. Cortelyou,
“ A. L. Mershon,	“ Wm. Voorhees.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARI.

Rev. W. H. Vroom,	Elder S. V. B. Zabriskie,
“ Peter Crispell,	“ Thos. Welling,

Rev. Thos. S. Dusingberre,	Elder John Gurnee,
" N. H. VanArsdale,	" Peter Quackenbush,
" Edward Lodewick,	" W. W. Westervelt.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. A. King,	Elder J. T. Herrion,
" John Gaston,	" Daniel Demarest,
" George G. Seibert,	" Calvin Terhune,
" W. J. Leggett,	" J. B. Pomroy,
" C. R. Blauvelt,	" C. W. Miller.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. G. W. Labaw,	Elder Jacob Berdan,
" F. S. Wilson,	" J. P. Vreeland,
" J. B. Church,	" A. A. Vanderbeck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. J. Allen,	Elder S. Bogart,
" G. A. Luckenbill,	" J. W. Van Duyn,
" T. P. Vernoll,	" G. Planten.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev. S. O. Lawsing,	Elder Isaac Bennett,
" O. M. Voorhees,	" C. W. Auten,
" H. P. Craig,	" S. V. Leffert,

SECUNDI.

Rev. F. M. Kip,	Elder James L. Brush,
" J. Hart,	" S. D. Opie,
" P. H. Milliken,	" H. A. Bower.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Wm. E. Davis,	Elder S. J. Shurts,
" B. C. Miller, Jr.,	" George Stilwell,
" P. M. Doolittle,	" Josiah Cole.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Edward G. Read,	Elder Charles V. Knowles,
" Isaac Sperling,	" Garret V. Staats,
" W. H. DeHart,	" G. Spencer VanCleaf.

ARTICLE XIX.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 9 P. M. to hold its next annual meeting in the North Reformed Church of Passaic, N. J., on the first Monday of May, 1895, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the usual number ordered to be printed, the roll was called and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Theo. Shafer, and the benediction by the President.

WM. H. DEHART, *President.*

P. THEO. POCKMAN, *Vice President.*

THEODORE SHAFER, }
GARRET WYCKOFF, } *Clerks pro. tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

- 1869.—First, New Brunswick, - Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
 1870.—First, New Brunswick, - Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
 1871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City, Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
 1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic, Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
 1873.—Second, Freehold, - - - Rev. John Gardner.
 1874.—Second, Newark, - - - Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
 1875.—Second, Somerville, - - Rev. George J. Van Neste.
 1876.—First, Paterson, - - - Rev. William R. Duryee.
 1877.—Second, New Brunswick, Rev. William R. Gordon, D. D.
 1878.—Bergen, - - - - - Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
 1879.—First, Philadelphia, - - Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
 1880.—Neshanic, - - - - - Rev. James LeFevre.
 1881.—Paramus, - - - - - Rev. Cornelius Brett.
 1882.—Millstone, - - - - - Rev. M. H. Hutton.
 1883.—First, New Brunswick, - Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf, D.D.
 1884.—Warwick, - - - - - Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
 1885.—First, Orange, - - - - Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.D.
 1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City, - Rev. David Waters, D.D.
 1887.—Lebanon, - - - - - Rev. Edward G. Read.
 1888.—Belleville, - - - - - Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
 1889.—Second, Philadelphia, - - Rev. J. Preston Searle.
 1890.—First, Somerville, - - - Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
 1891.—Third, Raritan, - - - - Rev. N. H. Vanarsdale, D.D.
 1892.—Nyack, - - - - - Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.
 1893.—First, Hackensack, - - Rev. J. B. Thompson.
 1894.—Broadway, Paterson, - - Rev. W. H. DeHart.

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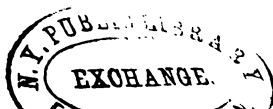
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Act and Proceedings

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the North Reformed Church of Passaic, N. J., on Tuesday, May 7th, 1895, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 9.20 P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. W. H. DeHart, who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening, from 1 Tim. 4 : 8 : "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life which now is and of that which is to come."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Henry Ward, D. M. Talmage. Elder, J. J. Demarest.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Chas. L. Clist, T. E. Inglis.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, I. P. Brokaw, A. B. Herman, Peter K. Hageman. Elder, Valentine P. Buck.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Geo. S. Bishop, D.D., David Waters, D.D., John N. Jansen, Wm. Stuart.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, G. M. S. Blauvelt, A. D. Campbell, Jas. L. Southard, J. H. Raven. Elders, W. A. Cortelyou, J. J. Janeway, P. D. Staats.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Theo. W. Welles, D.D., C. E. Crispell, D.D., J. A. Van Neste, Eugene Hill. Elders, Chas. L. Hunter, P. S. VanOrden, W. P. Millar.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, G. A. Luckenbill, A. Westveer, John Smit. Elder, C. Breen.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, W. J. Skillman, S. O. Lawsing, O. M. Voorhees. Elders, J. W. Opie, Geo. W. Craven.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, A. J. Hageman, Geo. J. Van Neste, W. S. Cranmer, B. V. D. Wyckoff. Elders, John Groendyke, Matthew Lane, Harvey S. Potter.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Alan D. Campbell was elected President.

Rev. Henry Ward was elected Vice President.

Revs. J. H. Raven and S. O. Lawsing were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUESTS OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Geo. J. Van Neste, Charles L. Clist. Elder, J. J. Demarest.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. J. N. Jansen, A. Westveer. Elder, W. A. Cortelyou.

Sub-Committee.—Rev. A. J. Hageman, Elder Matthew Lane, Rev. B. V. D. Wyckoff, Elder John Groendyke, Rev. W. J. Skillman, Elder J. W. Opie, Rev. S. O. Lawsing, Elder George W. Craven, Rev. John Smit, Elder Chas. L. Hunter, Rev. Geo. A. Luckenbill, Elder P. S. Van Orden, Rev. Eugene Hill, Elder Jacob J. Janeway, Rev. C. E. Crispell, Elder W. A. Cortelyou, Rev. Wm. Stuart, Elder V. P. Buck.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. W. H. DeHart, J. H. Raven. Elder Chas. L. Hunter.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. D. Waters, B. V. D. Wyckoff, Elder J. J. Janeway.

On Nominations.—Revs. T. W. Welles, David Waters, Elder V. P. Buck.

On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. W. J. Skillman, Eugene Hill, Elder P. S. VanOrden.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Revs. C. E. Crispell, S. O. Lawsing, Elder John Groendyke.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A notice from the Board of Domestic Missions that Rev. W. H. DeHart had been appointed as its representative at this Synod.
2. A similar communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, asking that Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., be heard as its representative.
3. A request from Rev. W. W. Moffett, D.D., District Secretary of the American Bible Society, that he be allowed an opportunity to present the interests of this cause.
4. A communication from the Rev. George Swain, D.D., Chairman of a Committee of the Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey, calling the attention of this Synod to a meeting to be held at the Old Scots Burying Ground in Monmouth County, N. J., in commemoration of the first ordination by Presbytery of a Presbyterian minister in this country, and inviting the co-operation of this Synod therein. It was moved that it be referred to the Committee on Nominations, with instructions to name a Committee who should attend the service as representatives of this body.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for 1894, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes.

ARTICLE V.

GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported as follows. The report was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod would respectfully report, that it has examined the Minutes of General Synod of 1894, and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, Chicago, and New Brunswick of 1894. It does not find any reference calling for the notice of this Particular Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
 GEO. J. VAN NESTE, *Chairman*,
 CHAS. L. CLIST,
 J. J. DEMAREST.

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The reports from the Classes are full of encouragement. In the summary of statistics it is found that two churches have been added to our number, the First Reformed of North Paterson, and the First Reformed of Hawthorne, both in the Classis of Paramus. The roll of our ministers has been enlarged by nine, and of candidates by three. There are 284 more families reported in connection with our churches. The total number of communicants has increased 530, and that increase has taken place, notwithstanding the correction of records. One church alone placed 119 names on the retired list, and another reported 100 too many last year. The result of revising lists is more apparent when we find that, allowing for dismissals, suspensions and deaths, there ought to be an increase in the total number of communicants of 1,280 instead of 530. In this connection two important questions present themselves, "Will this wholesale revising of church lists ever end? What becomes of the communicants whose names are placed upon retired lists?" The Sabbath-schools of our Synod have added to their enrollment 1,476. In the benevolence of the churches there is a decided decrease. For Denominational Objects this decrease amounts to \$1,143; for Other Objects, \$1,139; for Congregational Purposes, \$4,515; total for all purposes, \$6,797. This is accounted for by the depression in business, and with more prosperous times doubtless the benevolence of the people will be more abundant.

The Second Raritan Church, at Somerville, Classis of Raritan, has erected a new church building.

A new mission enterprise in Hackensack promises well.

The First Church of Orange celebrated its 20th anniversary on April 14th, 1895. Attention is drawn to the fact that for twenty years this church has been sustained upon the free principle, with signal and most gratifying success. Not only have all current expenses been met, but the church has also laid up a fund in the bank for church building.

The Church of Tappan celebrated its 200th anniversary October 31st, 1894.

The church of Readington, Classis of Raritan, celebrated its 175th anniversary Oct. 17th, 1894. Church discipline seems to have been

exercised quite faithfully, as in all the Classes, with a single exception, there have been one or more suspensions of members.

Your Committee has found nothing which calls for special action by the Synod.

The following are the names of our brethren in the ministry who have finished their work on earth and gone to their reward in Heaven:

Rev. James Huyssoon, Pastor Emeritus, Classis of Paramus, died July 3d, 1894. Rev. William Reiley, D.D., Pastor Emeritus, Holmdel, Classis of Monmouth, died July 14th, 1894. Rev. A. B. Taylor, Pastor Emeritus, English Neighborhood, Classis of Bergen, died March 12th, 1895. Rev. Ralph Willis, New Brunswick, Classis of New Brunswick, died March 16th, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. DEHART, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

Reports have been received from all the churches except Secaucus. Four failed to report until this morning. On behalf of future committees we desire to enter an emphatic protest against such delay, even though it be caused by a wish to give the very latest returns.

A hasty comparison of the work of the year with that of the previous year, shows that there is every reason for rejoicing that the good hand of the Lord has been with us as a Classis. 293 members have been received on confession and 117 by certificate. The gain in members is 252 as against 276 last year. This real gain does not appear in the total number now in communion, since some of the churches have revised their roll of members, one church having retired 119 members, and one having found that it reported 100 members too many last year.

The contributions for denominational objects have fallen off \$479.91, while there has been a gain in contributions for other objects of \$1,179.94, and for congregational expenses of \$2,053.22. Four churches have contributed to all the Boards.

A new mission enterprise has been started in Hackensack under the auspices of the Reformed churches there. A Sunday-school has been kept up for the last two years by the C. E. members of the Second Church. A chapel was built and paid for at an expense of \$1,400. Preaching services are held by the young men of the First Church. A large class of non church goers are being reached and conversions have

occurred. The outlook is most promising. Almost every church in the Classis has some special cause for thanksgiving.

The reports from the various churches are summarized as follows :

First, Hackensack, reports a gracious awakening in the early part of the winter, the blessed effects of which continue to be felt. Seventy-six have been received on confession. Every department of church work is in good working order. Prosperity and peace abound. "We bless the Son and crown Him King over all, while at the same time we desire more of His Spirit working in and through us."

Schraalenburgh has erected and paid for a new church building costing \$3,226. A society of Christian Endeavor has been organized. Contributions have been made to all the Boards.

English Neighborhood announces the resignation of its pastor to take effect the last Sunday in April.

New Durham sends an excellent report. An addition has been made to the Sunday-school room. A minister is about to be stationed in the West Hoboken district. Contributions have been made to all the Boards.

First, Hoboken, sends an encouraging report : "For more than three years it has been a struggle with us for existence. A new church building or extinction was our situation." The church has grappled with the situation and the result is a new building and brighter prospects.

Park Church, Jersey City. "The congregations are increasing, spirituality is deepening, and the number of workers larger." The plan of systematic beneficence works successfully. Contributions have been made to all the Boards. This church has revised its list of members by putting 119 on a retired list.

North Bergen has enjoyed a year of prosperity. The church has a large and growing Sunday-school. Its experience has been that "the enlargement of the school-room means increase in the number of scholars." The church is entirely free from debt. There has been an increase in contributions for benevolent purposes.

Second, Hackensack, is thankful to the Lord for a great year temporally and spiritually. The church and chapel have been enlarged at a cost of about \$7,000, increasing the seating capacity about fifty per cent. A mortgage on the parsonage has been paid.

German Evangelical, Hoboken, is progressing favorably, and is continually making improvements and repairs of the property held.

Third, Hackensack, has had nine additions on confession.

Closter gives statistical report only.

Palisades makes mention of good attendance at all the church ser-

vices. The King's Daughters and Christian Endeavor Society are growing in numbers and are doing a noble work. We have all the while cheering evidences of the Spirit's presence, and the outlook for the future is bright.

Guttenberg.—This church during the last six months has been under the care of Rev. William Manchee. During that time efforts have been made to put the church property in proper conditions for doing effective work. A primary Sunday-school room has been built and furnished. The church building has been painted and carpeted, and other improvements made with the help of the Woman's Executive Committee and the Woman's Missionary Union of our own Classis. The average attendance of the Sunday-school is 150. A prayer-meeting is well sustained. "We believe the set time to favor this part of the Lord's Zion has come, and that if the Domestic Board and the Classis stand loyally in with the present opportunity, Guttenberg can be put on a sure footing."

Central Avenue, Jersey City, presents a cheering report. Its new church building was dedicated to the Lord May 20th, 1894. The Sabbath services, both in Church and Sabbath-school, are almost double what they were in the old building. The statistical report shows that the Lord has blessed the church with additions larger than in any year of its past history.

Cherry Hill adds nothing to its statistics, but these plainly show that the church is in a very prosperous condition.

Secaucus.—No report.

Spring Valley is much encouraged. "This year has been the best of the thirteen years that our church has had existence. Services have been held regularly, attended by fair numbers manifesting real interest." The pulpit has been supplied by neighboring pastors. Five have been added to the membership on confession. The prayer meeting, which had been suspended for some years, has been resumed. Contributions have been made to all the Boards. In this respect this "weak" church has set a good example.

Westwood sends statistics only. A Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized.

Oradell reports that the work has gone steadily forward. All the services of the church have been well sustained. The church is thoroughly organized, and the various societies are becoming more and more efficient. A Jardine pipe organ has been secured at an expense of \$1,500. Contributions have been made to all but one of the Boards.

Hasbrouck Heights has enlarged its church building. A Y. P. S.

C. E. has been organized and is doing a good work. The outlook for this church is very hopeful. The pastor has the heartfelt sympathy of the Classis and of his many friends in his recent sorrow, occasioned by the death of his wife.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The licentiate, Abram Duryee, was ordained and installed pastor at Cherry Hill, June 14, 1894.

Rev. A. B. Taylor, pastor Emeritus of the church of English Neighborhood, died March 12th, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. E. DEWITT, *Chairman.*

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to report that while the work of the churches in general seems to be satisfactory, yet the number admitted on confession, 129, is small for the number and size of the churches in Classis. The Committee would suggest to each pastor and elder a due consideration of this fact, to the end that they may appeal to Almighty God for his spiritual blessing upon them. All but one, the Greenville Church, are supplied with pastors. The Committee presents brief extracts from the several reports:

Bergen, acknowledges gratitude to God for another year of spiritual blessing, having received on confession twenty-eight. She has also added to her number thirteen on certificate. A large number of the scholars of the Sunday-School have shown a deep interest in spiritual things, and the prospects are bright for the coming year.

First, Bayonne, shows a prosperous condition, an increase of thirty-four families, the organization of a Boys' Brigade, Junior Christian Endeavor Society, and a liberal supporting of all the departments of church work. God's Spirit also has been manifest here in the receiving of eighteen on confession. The Sunday-school shows an increase of sixty-four.

Wayne Street, Jersey City.—This church adds no remarks to the statistics, which show very little change from those of last year.

Bergen Point, while showing no material change reports harmony, interest and progress in the general work of the church, an increased efficiency in the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and the Sunday-school.

Second, Hudson, seems to have been greatly blessed this year in her work. She reports an increase of forty-two families, and although no

large increase in additions to the membership of the church, yet a better attendance at the services, and a deeper interest in spiritual things. She has changed the system of supporting the church from rental of pews to subscriptions and with marked success. The decrease in the number of scholars in the Sunday-school is due to the change in time of session from morning to afternoon.

Lafayette, while not quite holding her own in membership on account of loss by removal from place and death, still reports a united and harmonious people in all departments of her work, with an increased interest in her Endeavor Societies, Boys' Brigade and Sunday-school.

Greenville reports a prosperous year, fourteen on confession, seven on certificate, and ten new families. But the resignation of her pastor, the Rev. Wm. P. Bruce, at the close of the year has made sad many hearts, and they ask for our prayers that they may be guided in the selection of his successor.

Free, Jersey City, shows a decrease in families and members. This is owing however to a revision of their list of members, and is no cause for discouragement.

Third, Bayonne, reports a greater interest taken in the affairs of the church, an addition of twenty on confession, and an increase of forty-five scholars in the Sunday-school.

South Bergen, rejoices in the increased opportunity for usefulness afforded by a new church building, the debt of which is still engaging her financial energy. It reports a year of material and spiritual blessing, and expresses its gratitude to God for His evident care and help.

St. John German Evangelical, while not recording much change, still seems to have had a year of quiet progress.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On April 10th, 1894, Rev. Charles Harris Jones was received from the Classis of Newark, and on May 3d, installed as pastor of First Reformed Church of Bayonne.

On Feb. 25, 1895, Rev. Wm. P. Bruce was dismissed to the Classis of Westchester, and his relation as pastor of the Greenville Reformed Church of Jersey City, was dissolved to take effect April 1, 1895.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. MORRIS IMBRIE.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows :

The review of the work of the year calls for devout gratitude and

thanksgiving to God. We feel it has been a year of more than average prosperity. Owing to the failure of one church to send a report, it is impossible to make any accurate comparison with the statistics of last year. All the churches record evidences of especial growth and blessing. A thankful, hopeful spirit pervades all the reports. In every case, there have been accessions to the membership by confession, and in two instances, an especially large ingathering. In the contributions to Denominational Objects we are privileged to report a *marked improvement* over last year. While we have not yet done all that we might do, there has been an encouraging *advance* made all along the line. Many of the churches speak of increased attendance upon the Sabbath services; a quickened interest and zeal in the Prayer-meetings; and a larger activity in all the departments of church life and work. The following points of interest from the churches are noted:

First, Freehold, reports that it has had no phenomenal growth in numbers, but rejoices in a spiritual quickening of its members, a gratifying increase over last year both in regular church funds and in benevolences. The presence of the Holy Spirit is manifest in the increasing size of the Sabbath congregations; the growing interest and spirituality of the young people; and a greater zeal in missionary effort. Offerings have been taken for all the Boards.

Holmdel takes its place this year as the Banner Church of the Classis for Foreign Missions, and has far exceeded its quota for both the Foreign and Domestic Boards. Self-denial week for missions was observed, and contributions made to each of the Boards. The envelope system for raising church funds has been introduced, with promise of good results. The church mourns the loss of Dr. and Mrs. Reiley, and proposes to erect a monument to their memory.

Spotswood records a year of varied experiences of sunshine and storm, a goodly accession to her membership upon confession, all of the Sunday-schools well attended. It has received offerings for four 4) of the Boards.

Middletown rejoices in a quiet but steady growth in her membership, largely from the Sunday-school; increased attendance upon church services. The series of People's Services on the Pilgrim's Progress, have been used at the evening service with great interest and profit. Self-denial week for missions was observed, and offerings for Benevolent Objects increased. Offerings were made to each of the Boards. Over \$1,000 has been subscribed toward the purchase of a new pipe organ for the Church.

Second, Freehold, feels the reaction consequent upon an unusually large accession to her membership the previous year. Its financial

report, both for home expenses and benevolences is above the average. Its various agencies of church work are reaching steadily toward greater effectiveness. A Boys' Brigade has been formed and promises good results. Self-denial week for missions was loyally observed. The interior walls of the church have been freshly decorated. Contributions have been made to all the Boards.

Keyport rejoices in a year of healthful progress. Increasing interest is noted in the Sunday-school and in the Senior and Junior C. E. Societies. Sabbath services are better attended than during any previous year of the present pastorate. It has had large accessions by confession. The whole church seems infused with new life, and since August 1st, 1894, has become entirely self-supporting ; which fact has somewhat diminished its benevolent offerings. It has taken collections for all the Boards.

Long Branch reports a falling off in benevolent contributions owing to the stringency in financial circles. While there has been no decided spiritual awakening the holding of special meetings in the winter resulted in the re-consecration of many of God's people. Offerings have been made to three (3) of the Boards.

Colts Neck reports a fruitful year of ingathering, a goodly number of accessions from the Sunday-school, and finds encouragement in the growing interest which the young men of the congregation are taking in the services of the church. The Prayer-meeting, S. S. and C. E. Societies are well sustained. Contributions have been made to all the Boards.

Asbury Park.—The pastor of this church has been laid aside from pulpit service for four months. Notwithstanding this fact it reports progress, and is hopeful for the future. All the departments of church activity are well sustained. Its losses by removals have been more than made up by the additions of new families. The C. E. Society has been especially helpful, not only in rendering financial assistance, but as an aid to the pastor, during his illness, in calling systematically upon the congregation. Collections have been taken for each of the Boards.

Highlands reports double the number of families over last year, and a large increase in her roll of members, seventeen having been received on confession, a new C. E. Society formed, and increasing interest and growth in the Sabbath-school. It has contributed to the two missionary Boards.

Ecclesiastical Changes for the year have been as follows :

Rev. William Reiley, D.D., Pastor Emeritus of the Church of Holmdel, died July 14th, 1894.

Rev. William H. Van Doren was received from the Classis of Illinois April 10, 1894, and was installed pastor of the Church of Spotswood.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. K. HAGEMAN, *Chairman*,

J. T. SCHOCK,

CHARLES TINDALL.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Your Committee on the State of Religion takes pleasure in reporting growth and gain in things both spiritual and temporal. In our vacant churches pastors have been installed; the year has been filled with God's goodness, and the general outlook is most encouraging.

Belleville.—Pastor and people rejoice in a year of peace, prosperity and substantial growth. An addition to the membership larger than any for twenty-five years, if ever before, is reported, fully half being young men in their prime. In these days this means much. Friends here have indeed reason to "Thank God, and take courage."

First, Newark.—No report.

Irvington.—The lately inducted pastor is taking hold with a will, and prosecuting the work of the fallen standard-bearer with success, as the figures tabulated show, in the contribution columns particularly. No remarks are appended to the report.

New York Avenue, Newark.—Another year of peaceful progress. The church has grown in numbers, increased its giving, and affords bright prospect of being free from debt in a short time.

Franklin.—The religious interest already reported is still apparent in its results. Twenty-eight at one time were received on confession, mainly from the seniors in Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Societies. Upwards of 33 per cent. of the church members and over half of the Consistory are identified with Sunday-school work, training and being trained. Here is another proof, if any were needed, that "in the diligent use of the ordinary means," the hearts of the regularly instructed youth are surest to open whensoever the Spirit's all sounds. Fresh vigor has been infused into all departments. The financial exhibit is the best in its history. The congregation has determined to be self-supporting, and is to be congratulated on its Declaration of Independence, as also upon the spirit with which its indefatigable workers are exerting themselves to make good the claim, by Scripture methods.

North Reformed, Newark.—again gives statistical table only. This congregation gives happy augury, under its late harmonious settlement of maintaining and in due course improving upon the commanding position it has already achieved, during the last incumbency, particularly, as a most powerful factor in the life of the church both at home and abroad.

West, Newark.—Satisfaction is expressed at the good attendance upon and the good work done in Church and Sunday-school, as also by the various Societies-in-aid. The deficit reported in congregational contributions, amounting to over \$300, and the fact that the salary is \$150 in arrears, while the grant voted by Classis of \$200 was cut down to \$150; all this requires attention, the more so when Consistory pleads the utter inability of the congregation to better the position during the present depression of business. In spite of material difficulties there is much to encourage in the large accessions to the church reported. And right here the Apostle's plea (1 Cor. 9 : 11), has its pertinence.

Clinton Avenue, Newark.—In the absence of remarks explanatory, inspection of the statistical exhibit shows that there have been unusually large accessions to the communion roll. The number received on confession nearly trebles that of the year before, while the net total shows an increase of 50. While the contributions generally do not seem to reach the high-water mark set itself heretofore by this model church, yet they do evince its deep and sustained interest in missions, and every other branch of benevolent and congregational work.

Trinity Church, Newark.—This church has shown considerable progress. In accessions there is an increase of 24. There is decided improvement shown in Benevolence. The prayer-meeting is well attended, and the church services sustained. The Sunday-school is in a healthy and prosperous condition. The Y. P. S. C. E. is prosperous, and proves a power for good in spiritual life.

Linden.—This church presents no report this year, either of statistics or on the state of religion. It was thought best to allow the report of last year provisionally to stand, and supplement that with a verbal report that would better explain the situation.

Christ Church, Newark.—No report.

Stone House Plains.—Healthy growth all along the line. Contributions for benevolent objects are well kept up; the church repaired extensively and beautified. Salary and all expenses met. The people have done nobly, despite the stringency of the times. An addition of *five* is balanced by the death of *three*, and the going out of *two* members of the church, "proselyted to another baptism right, under the shadow of the Old Stone Church."

Orange desires specially to signalize God's mercy in *spiritual Revival* three years in succession. During the winter last past, eight weeks extra services resulted in 40 additions, 33 on confession. This year, in April, the church celebrates her 20th anniversary as a free church, without a debt, and with \$6,300 in the bank. During that time 1,004 names have been written on her roll. Starting with 124 there have been added 880, an average of 44 per year. Financially, *Orange* simply eclipses her previous year's record for all-round liberality, as might be expected in her China wedding year. Felicitations on the happy event are in order.

Trinity, Plainfield.—The year has been marked by steady, healthy growth, though not phenomenal. The number of families has increased, and of communicants, though revision of roll shows only slight advance. The offerings for denominational objects have declined somewhat, owing to lack of ability, not of will. In thankfulness and God-trust the Lord's people here face the future.

German, Plainfield.—The crisis of a change of ministers has been safely surmounted. Despite competition on the part of the German Lutheran Church, this last year has been more than ordinarily prosperous. 29 accessions to the membership, all the funds, save 1, contributed to, and an increase in the congregational account are cheering indications of this people's ability and resolution ere long to become self-sustaining.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Rev. G. Hauser was received from the Evangelical Association of N. A. July 9th, 1894, and installed pastor of the German Church at Plainfield, on Sept. 19th, 1894.

Rev. David H. Chrestensen was received from the Presbytery of Otsego, Oct. 9th, 1894, and installed pastor of the Reformed Church at Irvington, Oct. 19th, 1894.

Rev. I. V. W. Schenck was received from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, Oct. 9th, 1894, and installed pastor of the Christ Reformed Church, of Newark, Oct. 26th, 1894.

Rev. Jas. C. Garretson was received from the Classis of Hudson, Oct. 9th, 1894.

Rev. D. Sage Mackay was received from the Northwestern Congregational Association of Vermont, Nov. 14th, 1894, and installed as pastor of the North Reformed Church, Newark.

Rev. F. Koechli was dismissed to the Classis of Raritan, June 26th, 1894.

WM. STUART, *Chairman of Com.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

In consequence of the general depression of business, God's people in this Classis have not been able to give as much as heretofore to the upbuilding of the kingdom, though the diminution is not so great as was feared. The whole number of families and of communicants reported shows a steady increase by the blessing of God upon the means of grace which he has granted to his church. A more faithful use of these would doubtless issue in more abundant blessing, and toward this desired result this Classis will steadily direct its efforts. While in this christian land we record one-third of the whole number received to full communion as "baptized adults," it is obvious that the promises of God to christian people for their children are not universally believed, that therefore the children of the church are not all properly distinguished from the children of infidels and heathen by baptism, and that they are consequently not trained up as carefully as they should be in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. There has hardly been sufficient time as yet to give due heed to the exhortation of Synod at its last session respecting the care of baptized non-communicants, as "correlated with infant baptism and with it an important part of God's method for securing the salvation of the race." The "marked improvement" of the preceding year in this respect for which we were commended by Synod, has made no further progress. We firmly believe, however, that "all baptized persons are members of the church, are under its care, and subject to its government and discipline," and we are not without hope that all our churches will yet avail themselves of this important means of grace, keep an accurate record of resident baptized non-communicants, and "show them such care and attention as to convince them that they are beloved for their parents' sake, as well as for Christ's sake." In several of our churches minor children are "dismissed and received along with their parents, and the fact of such dismissal and reception announced to the congregations," according to the instructions of the Synod.

The reports from the various churches are, upon the whole, encouraging.

The First Church of New Brunswick is in a healthy, hopeful state, doing all it can, not only for its resident members but also for those who have removed to other localities, urging them to unite with the churches within whose bounds the providence of God has cast their lot, thus setting an example worthy of all imitation. The contributions of this "mother of churches" for denominational objects are larger than they were last year. Its Chinese school has contributed \$28 to the hospital of our mission in China.

The Church of Six Mile Run also has given more than last year to denominational objects, chiefly to mission work, and there has been a very gratifying accession to the membership of the church on "Confession," for which credit is largely given to the Christian Endeavor Society.

The Church of Hillsborough rejoices over "a year of progress, prosperity and spiritual blessing," and the secret of this success is found in the statement that "the entire church has united in all the work placed before it. There has been a pleasant, constant, close walk with God, and nothing has been done without prayerfully seeking the helping and guiding hand."

The Church of Middlebush reports a year of "harmony, steady work and encouragement," though feeling the loss of valued members called to their reward. All expenses have been fully met, and several hundred dollars are in fund for a chapel.

The Church of Griggstown reports fidelity and consequent blessing upon the stated means of grace, and hopes for still better things to come.

The Second Church of New Brunswick chronicles an advance in all lines excepting contributions, and this exception is due to the fact of the completion of their chapel. The use of this new building has increased the numbers in the Sunday-school, and has nearly doubled the attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting. A church syndicate has been arranged to aid the Arabian Mission, and about \$100 has been contributed for that purpose.

The Church of Bound Brook reports renewed vigor in every department. The Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies, the Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Sunday-school, are all doing excellent and successful work. A woman's prayer-meeting has been regularly sustained with notable results, and the regular weekly prayer-meeting has been a means of precious refreshment to all, the average attendance being now from sixty-five to ninety. This hitherto stable church seems to have entered upon a new course of development and gives promise of growth and efficiency.

The Third Church of New Brunswick is still a German church, and the number of those in the vicinity who speak only the German language is constantly diminishing. It remains to be seen whether a transition to an English speaking church can be successfully made. The flourishing Sunday-school, conducted as a mission school by the Second Church of New Brunswick, would seem to furnish facility for a transition. This church shows how easy it is to keep a list of baptized non-communicants where this is the customary usage.

The Church of East Millstone reports regular services "with characteristic attendance. The Sabbath-school flourishes, the Christian Endeavor Society exists, the Aid Society is active and very helpful and the Missionary Societies are gleaning the well-reaped fields."

The Church of Metuchen had last year the largest ingathering in her history, and, consequently, the additions to her numbers during the current year have been mostly on certificate. The number of these, however, must be a great encouragement to the young pastor. His people, moreover, cheer him by their attendance at the sanctuary, by testifying to their growth in grace under his ministrations, and by bearing him on their hearts before God in prayer. There is reason, therefore, to expect that in due season they will reap the harvest from the present sowing of the seed.

The Suydam Street Church reports a severe, but successful trial of their envelope system of collecting money for current expenses. The list of contributions has been revised. Some have doubled, others have trebled their contributions, and many new names of contributors have been added to the list. The meetings for public worship and for prayer are well attended, and the Sunday-school and other societies for christian work are doing good service. Regret is expressed that the illness of the pastor prevented him from deepening the impressions made during the week of prayer, in such manner as he would have been glad to do.

The Highland Park (Mission) Church makes a more detailed statement of its work than heretofore. Its members are mostly dependent upon their daily labor for their daily bread. The factories have been closed much of the time; work has been scarce. The regular contributions have not been increased according to the custom observed every year heretofore since the organization of the church, but have been diminished. Special effort has been made, however, in other directions and with encouraging results. The total amount of contributions for the year is considerably in advance of the amount ever reported hitherto. This increase is due chiefly to the self-denial prompted by ardent desire for a more suitable house of worship than the present chapel, (which was built and used for a stable.) A very desirable lot for a church edifice has recently been secured, is fully paid for, and there is a nucleus of three or four hundred dollars for a building fund. The Sunday-school and the various organizations for work are still doing effective service. A boys brigade and a missionary society have been organized. The church makes grateful acknowledgement of the assistance rendered by several young men pursuing their studies for the ministry, some of whom serve as office

workers in the church. Special mention is made of striking instances of conversion, which show that this youngest of our churches is doing fully mission work in its suburban field. If the importance of the work in this field finds proper recognition, it would seem that there could be no difficulty in securing funds for the erection of a suitable building in a locality where there is no other organization for the promotion of the cause of Christ.

The Rev. Ralph Willis has been called to his reward at the ripe age of fourscore years. Born in London, converted in Philadelphia, educated in New Brunswick, ordained by the Classis of Albany, he fulfilled the duties of a pastor at Bethlehem, in that Classis, and afterward at Marlboro and Spotswood, in New Jersey, until he became the Rector of Hertzog Hall, in 1880. After the care of the students for the ministry in that institution for that years, failing health constrained him to retire from the duties of his office, as well as from those of County Superintendent of Public Schools, which he had discharged with great acceptance for twenty years. During the remaining seven years of life he devoted himself to the study of the Scriptures, the care of his failing health, and meditation upon the dealings of God with his own soul. The result was that he was able to say when the end of life on earth approached; "I have not a pain, and not a fear." O, for grace to follow him as he followed Christ!

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The following ecclesiastical changes have taken place during the year. On May 18, 1894, the Classis licensed to preach the Gospel the students Dirk L. Betten, Abram Duryea, Edward C. Hasbrouck, Harry Lockwood, Arthur F. Mabon and Wm. V. D. Strong. On the same date Mr. Betten was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus; Mr. Duryea to the Classis of Bergen; Mr. Hasbrouck to the Classis of Raritan, and Harry Lockwood to the Classis of Albany; and on Jan. 20th, 1895, Arthur F. Mabon to the Classis of Westchester; and on March 16th, 1895, Wm. V. D. Strong to the Classis of Poughkeepsie. On May 28th, 1894, Rev. Dr. John DeWitt was received into this Classis by letter from the General Synod; on Sept. 6th, 1894, the licentiate, John H. Raven, was received by letter from the South Classis of Long Island, and he was examined for ensue and ordained as pastor of the church of Metuchen on the same date. Rev. Ralph Willis died on March 16th, 1895.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. THOMPSON, *Chairman of Com.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF
CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

The Committee on the State of Religion presents the following view of the reports received from the churches :

Acquackanonck reports a year of progress experienced through the various departments of church work, especially in the Sabbath-school, the attendance being in advance of any previous year. The contributions for congregational and benevolent purposes show a marked increase over the previous year, so that the congregation may well thank God and take courage.

Centreville has experienced a year of uncommon blessing. For the first time in eight and a half years they were able, March 24th, 1896, to install three new members into their Consistory. In June seventeen members were received on confession and three by certificate. The Sabbath-school and Y. P. S. C. E. report progress. Contributions have been large, \$4,654.20 having been received, of which amount \$3,564.70 were used for the building of a parsonage. Special attention is called to the fact that God put it into the heart of one man to help the church with uncommon generosity. May we not join Centreville in their pean of praise for the rich showers of blessings they have received ?

Clarkstown expresses devout gratitude to God for his blessing. The church reports a loss through death of some of its most earnest members, but is comforted by the hope of their abundant entrance into heavenly rest. The services are well attended. The ministrations of the sanctuary have resulted in the salvation of souls and the edification of the people. A slight decrease in contributions for benevolence is doubtless due to the loss of membership and the financial depression. The outlook for the future is hopeful.

Clifton.—This young church reports an increase in the number of families and also in membership. The struggle for self-support prevents them from contributing as largely to the benevolent boards as they desire. An increase in attendance at the services is reported, from which good results are expected.

Garfield.—This church, through a revision of their list of those who have moved away, reports a decrease in the number of families and also in the roll of membership. They report an increase in the contributions to benevolence and a decrease for congregational expenses. God's mercies are acknowledged and prayer for greater manifestation of the spirit.

Lodi, Holland.—Although without a pastor reports an increase in membership and contributions. For three months an Evangelist has

been supplying the pulpit, and through his efforts the attendance and interest manifested surpasses that of past years.

Lodi, Second.—Through a revision of the list this church shows a decrease in the number of families and members. The contributions show an increase over the previous year. Spiritual blessings have been abundantly bestowed.

Nyack has no loss or gain to report in the list of communicants, as the gain balances the loss. Evidence of devotion to the Master's work has been encouraging. Blessings are expected from the special services recently held.

Paramus reports a larger addition to the roll of membership than during any single year for a long period, and an increase also in the number of families. Special week day services were held in November, the Rev. E. Hill kindly assisting. Church discipline has been exercised, and has been followed with good spiritual results. Contributions for benevolence show a slight falling off.

Pascack gratefully acknowledges God's favor in the number gathered into the church, and for the success of their societies. They have remodeled their church at a cost of \$2,565.79. They pray for further manifestations of the Holy Ghost.

Passaic, Holland.—On account of the severe illness of the pastor, sends the report of last year.

Passaic, North, reports steady, uneventful growth, a devoted people, with harmony and activity in all agencies for good.

Paterson, Broadway, calls our attention to four things: 1st, decrease in the contributions for congregational and benevolent purposes, through financial stringency of the times and other causes. 2d, to a reduction in congregational expenses of \$400, by changing from a paid to a volunteer choir. 3d, the heavy loss through removal and death of some of their most valued members and supporters. 4th, the sustained means of grace which have borne fruit in ten conversions, with growth in christian character and fuller consecration to the Saviour.

Paterson, Holland.—This church being vacant during the first five months of the year was found to be greatly depressed, both temporally and spiritually, when the present pastor was installed last September. Since then interest in church work has revived, contributions have more than doubled, 26 new members having been added and others desirous to unite at the next communion.

Paterson, Second, reports services well attended and spiritual interests maintained, but because of the prevailing financial distress so

keenly felt in all manufacturing centres, a decrease of contributions for church and benevolent work.

Piermont shows an increase in membership, also in the contributions for congregational and benevolent purposes.

Ramapo reports increasing interest in church work and large attendance on the means of grace.

Ramseys.—No report.

Ridgewood has experienced the same steady advancement as in previous years. We congratulate this church for its liberality in the contributions for benevolent and congregational objects, which are nearly double the amount contributed in 1893. Meetings are well sustained. The C. E. Society is loyal and energetic.

Saddle River has had a year of temporal prosperity. A lot has been donated and a school building erected at a cost of \$1,000, the most of which has been paid. They have not been without spiritual blessing as the increase of membership shows.

Spring Valley, according to the statistics received, has had, we should judge, a successful year. The means of grace have been well sustained. Contributions to benevolence have been faithfully met, while Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor work are progressing. They say: "We desire and seek to be not 'carnal' but 'spiritual.'" 1 Cor. 3:1.

Tappan reports an increase in attendance on the means of grace. A woman's prayer-meeting continues with vigor. The C. E. Society continues to exert a beneficial influence over our church work.

Warwick.—Continued interest is reported in all the departments of the church. All the services are well attended. The membership in the Sunday-school has increased. A Junior Christian Endeavor Society, with a membership of 32, and a chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip have been organized, both of which promise good results for the future.

West New Hempstead.—All the appointed services have been well sustained. "God has honored our efforts in the conversion of three of our young people, and evidence is manifest that others will confess Christ in the near future."

Wortendyke.—Although without a pastor and suffering on account of the stringency of the times, shows a strong and healthy growth. They report no contribution to benevolence as they have had so many demands for help from the poor in their own midst. Mr. F. Dekker, a student in the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick, continues to supply the pulpit with favor and success.

New Churches.—Two churches have been organized. The First

Reformed Church of North Paterson, on the 18th of December, 1894, with fifteen members, and the First Reformed Church of Hawthorne, on the 31st of January, 1895, with twenty-one members. Other data concerning these churches may be found in the Statistical Tables.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

Ecclesiastical Changes.—May 21, 1894, Rev. Edward S. Ralston was received from the Presbytery of Gunnison, Col., and June 14th, 1894, was installed pastor of the Church at Piermont, N. Y. At the same time, the licentiate, Dirk Lawrence Betten, was received from the Classis of New Brunswick, and ordained Sept. 13, 1894, pastor of the First Holland Church of Paterson, N. J. The pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Peter Crispell and the Church at Warwick, N. Y., was also dissolved at this time, May 21, 1894, to take effect June 1, 1894, and Mr. Crispell was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery. The Rev. James Huyssoon died suddenly at Paterson, N. J., July 3d, 1894. October 9, 1894, the Rev. Henry Dater was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, the Rev. Arthur Spaulding from the Presbytery of New York and the Rev. Tabor Knox from the Classis of Philadelphia; and October 23, 1894, Mr. Knox was installed pastor of the Church at Warwick, N. Y. April 9th, 1895, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Nathaniel H. VanArsdale, D.D., and the Broadway Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J., was dissolved to take effect May 1st, 1895.

THEO. W. WELLES, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report that all the churches but one have been heard from—this one being the Second Church of Little Falls. If we fill in with the figures of last year's report from this church, we find that in some respects there is an advance, and in others a falling off throughout the Classis for the year. The principal net gains over last year are 60 families, 51 received on confession, 199 communicants, 167 in Sunday-school enrollment, and \$113.45 in amount of offerings for other than denominational objects. The principal losses are 7 less received into the membership by letter, \$48.81 less given in offerings for denominational objects, and \$3,990.49 less raised and used for congregational purposes.

On the whole, however, we believe that during the year real progress

in church growth has been made. There is certainly a good spirit everywhere prevalent. All the churches, but the Second Little Falls, are supplied with the means of grace, and the stated preaching of the Word. Something, in our opinion, should be done for the destitute church, solitary as she is among all the rest, to whom there seems to be no lack. This, moreover, would give additional encouragement to us all, and augment further the good spirit among us in carrying on the work of the Master. "Let the people praise thee, O God : Let all the people praise thee."

As to the falling off in amounts raised for congregational purposes, within the bounds of the Classis, it may be well to bear in mind, that the comparison is only with last year. If we strike an average for the five years previous to this, we note that the falling off in this item has been only \$511.82, not a bad showing surely.

And if we go back and strike a ten year's average, we see that there has been a positive gain this year over the average annual amount for that time of \$3,104.31. And so with the amounts raised for denominational objects of benevolence. To the annual average of the previous five years for these objects, there has been, not a falling off but a gain the past year of \$148.95. While, if we could go back five years more, and compare the results of the year just closed, with the annual average for ten years previous, we would find that there is again a very large proportionate actual gain. Before 1890 all the benevolent offerings of the churches were added up together, consequently our inability to make a true separate comparison now with the years beyond that date. But we *can* say this, viz : that the offerings for denominational objects *alone*, last year, surpassed the annual average for five years previous to 1890, of all the gifts of the churches of the Classis to all benevolent objects by \$433.60.

Is n't that a gain ? And is n't it something, in view of the prevalent hard times, to be thankful for ? Does n't it prove, too, that there is growth in the spirit of giving ?

Hence, brethren, we have, from such a review, without dispute, abundant reason to "thank God and take courage."

The reports from the various churches are as follows :

Boardville.—Sends statistics only.

Boonton.—A new pastorate began here last June, which thus far has been encouraging. The principal thing we note is almost a 25 per ct. increase in the membership. All the activities of the church are in healthful operation. The Y. P. S. C. E. has formed a syndicate in connection with the Arabian Mission.

Fairfield.—The figures of our report are not encouraging. More

people have attended the church services than the year previous, but "there has been no movement of those out of Christ into the fold of the Shepherd; no gathering of new children to the Father's table." Contributions for benevolence show an increase, and the minds of the people are turned toward the building of a chapel which is greatly needed.

First, Little Falls.—The Lord has not failed to bless the ordinary means of grace to the salvation of souls, and, as is prayerfully hoped, to the Christian growth of His people. A woman's Missionary Society, recently organized, is doing a good work, and will doubtless be the means of largely increasing the Missionary offerings of the church.

Second, Little Falls.—No report.

Montville acknowledges God's gracious guidance another year. Increasing contributions give evidence that the Lord's people are learning the truth that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." The societies of the church are doing a good work. A new organ, at a cost of \$350 has been placed in the church.

Sixth Holland Church sends nothing but statistics. There is some advancement in these, except in benevolence. Here is a decided falling off. The membership is a little larger than last year, also the Sunday-school enrollment. We should judge that the outlook is promising.

People's Park sends only statistics. The conditions, however, are certainly encouraging. An increase of 15 in the number of families, and of 26 in the membership, is no mean growth. The youngest church in the Classis, it is already outranking in numbers more than half the older ones, and cannot, therefore, any longer be properly said to be a little one among the thousands of Israel.

Pompton steadily gains. God's blessing has undoubtedly been upon the church for the year. Notwithstanding the hard times more money has been raised for both congregational purposes and benevolence than last year. A fair spiritual condition exists all around, but at Wanaque there is more than the usual interest, and a number of people in the near future are expected to unite with the church.

Pompton Plains sends only statistics. From these we note a large increase in the membership, especially on confession, due chiefly, as we understand, to a series of special evangelistic services, conducted by Rev. Ford C. Ottman, of Newark, N. J., in February last. The advancement in other respects has been principally an addition of 15 families, and 27 to the Sunday-school enrollment. Manifestly, in its present condition, there is a bright future before this large, old, historic church.

Ponds comes to Classis with bare statistics. But there is a distinct improvement noted in an increase of 13 in the number of families, of 12 received on confession, of 45 in the Sunday-school enrollment, and about \$335 in amount raised for congregational purposes ; also a goodly sum given to denominational objects, whereas nothing under this head was reported last year. This revival in both spiritual and temporal affairs is undoubtedly due to the coming, last June, of a new pastor into the field.

Preakness is hopeful and trustful. Unusual losses have occurred in families and members, and these, with an inordinate amount of sickness have told on our finances and offerings for benevolence. But a new spirit of enterprise has already begun with the spring.

Riverside, Paterson, has had accessions each communion season. Following the use of discipline for the purification of the church and the salvation of the sinning, there has been a greater unity and an increase of spiritual life and growth in grace. Some debts, also due to the depression of the last two years, have in a large measure been liquidated. Great gratitude thus is felt for the healthful state of affairs.

First, Totowa.—An increase all along the line. The presence of the Holy Spirit has been felt. In reviewing the year's work the report closes with a quotation from the words of the Psalmist: "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness ; thy paths drop fatness."

Union, Reformed.—The spirit is moving in this church. "There are evidences of deep contrition and sorrow for sin." The administration of the Lord's Supper, in company with the Consistory and a few sympathetic friends, in the home of a young mother dying with consumption, had a beneficent effect upon those present. Would that this custom were more prevalent among our churches. The church has held its own financially.

Wyckoff reports progress. No extra efforts, but an encouraging number of additions to the membership. What is particularly noticeable in such a church is that during the past year there have been no dismissals and no deaths of members. A growth in benevolence is observed. Peace and harmony, and love and loyalty prevail. The C. E. Society, only a year old, has already done noble work for the church as well as joined the Missionary League of our Reformed Churches. The Woman's Missionary Society also has increased its gifts to missions.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—In June, Rev. Alex. McKelvey, D.D., was received from the Presbytery of Newark and installed pastor over the

church at Boonton. June 1st, Charles L. Palmer, a licentiate, was received, ordained and installed over the church of Ponds, at Oakland.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. LABAW,

C. L. PALMER,

H. D. SMITH.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Your Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to report as follows :

In looking over the reports from the churches, it is apparent that some of them have been more prosperous than others, but all of them have, to some extent, received tokens of God's mercy.

In comparing the various columns with the previous report, it seems that our strength is about the same as it was last year.

The gifts for benevolence in some instances are smaller and in other instances they are larger than they were last year ; but the Second Church of Philadelphia has more than doubled its gifts for denominational objects, hence we will not be far below the mark of last year.

We let the churches tell their own *joys* and *sorrows*, and while quotation marks are omitted, yet, it is due to them to say that the language is in most cases not our own.

North and Southampton.—Nothing extraordinary has marked the work of our church during the year. The usual means of grace have been enjoyed with gratifying results, and though we hoped for larger ingatherings, we are truly thankful to the Lord that we have not sown and labored in vain. The temporal needs have been promptly met and our benevolence compares favorably with former and more prosperous years.

Harlingen.—The review of the year is encouraging. The Spirit has been with us, because twelve have been received into the church, and all but one, were young people of the congregation. Prayer-meetings and the Sunday-schools are better attended and perfect harmony has prevailed throughout the year. It is refreshing to hear that the temporalities of this church are such, as to permit the payment of the Pastor's salary with the utmost promptness ; and in addition to this, these people have manifested their kindness to him by a substantial pecuniary present during the winter.

Neshanic.—The Neshanic church reports itself prosperous by the blessing of God. The Spirit of God has made persons willing for His

service here on earth. In benevolence they are not quite up to the mark, yet they are thankful that they could do something for the Master's cause.

The pastor of this church, the Rev. John Hart, has just closed his twentieth year of service among these people, and last Sabbath he entered upon his twenty-first year. During these 20 years he has received into the church 405 persons, showing that God blessed His servant, and made him the instrument of winning 20 souls for the Redeemer's kingdom every year.

This church has had only two pastors since the year 1821, showing that peace and good will must prevail in Neshanic.

First, Philadelphia. This church gratefully acknowledges the presence of Christ in its midst, as seen in the loyalty and liberality of His people, and in the increase of Church membership.

In addition to the regular expenses of the church more than *four thousand dollars* have been contributed for the chapel work. A neat chapel has been erected, some distance away from the church, in which a Sunday-school numbering 160 has been gathered, and also a congregation nearly equal in size to that of the church.

Second, Philadelphia.—The Second Church rejoices at the ability of closing the year without any debt for current expenses, and also of being able to make larger offerings to the Boards of the Church. Yet, they deplore the fact that the ingathering of souls has been small, although earnest efforts have been made for a large harvest of souls; the prayers have not yet been answered, but in faith they look for the blessing.

This church has a Mission in the slums of the city, and God has greatly blessed this work. He has proved anew to his people that he can cast out devils, for 18 women have been saved from a life of drunkenness and shame, and are safely housed in their Rescue House, where God has daily provided them with everything needful for body and soul.

Fourth, Philadelphia.—This is the only vacant church in our Classis, and sends only a statistical report, but the figures show that they are holding their own; and it is to be hoped that God in his kind providence will soon send them a *true shepherd*.

Blawenburgh.—In Blawenburgh is rejoicing because the church is making progress. The presence of the Holy Spirit is manifested in the conversion of 16 souls, and increased attendance upon the Sunday as well as mid-week services. They regret their inability to contribute for denominational objects as formerly, but hope for better things.

Stanton.—The church of Stanton has cause for gratitude to God for

blessings both temporal and spiritual. Needed improvements have been made to the church property. The attendance upon all their services have been well sustained, and the result is a gradual, steady and spiritual growth in every department of church work. However, mention is made of financial depression, which render difficult the support of the public means of grace.

Clover Hill sends only the statistical report, yet these silent figures indicate that there has been active work all along the line during the year. It may have been a year of sowing with them; the reaping may come later.

Rocky Hill.—This church, the smallest in our Classis, as far as number of families is concerned, comes with cheering news. The church, chapel and parsonage have been put in good repair during the year, and everything is paid for. The church is practically out of debt, because two legacies have been left to the church during the year amounting to \$2,379.44, for which they thank God, and well may they thank God, for this is a proof that some one has faith in God and in the future of the church of Rocky Hill. The services are well attended and the Y. P. S. C. E. is one of the strong arms of this church.

Fifth, Philadelphia.—With gratitude to God for his kindness to us we close this year. Our services are well attended and peace and happiness prevail. All obligations have been met, and our benevolent gifts exceed those of last year by more than \$60. During the coming year we hope to wipe out our entire church debt. Our King's Daughters are active in good works, not only have they supported a catechist in India for a number of years, but many poor and sick at home all them blessed for their beneficence.

Addisville sadly reports: We have held our own but have not advanced. The benevolence report is below that of last year; and then looks more hopefully: The seed has been sown; we have the promise of the harvest time. This promise will, in God's time and way, be fulfilled.

Three Bridges.—The services of this church have been regularly maintained, and the sacraments faithfully administered. The seed sown is bearing fruit. A few have yielded to the Spirit's call and consecrated their lives to the Master's service. The gifts for benevolence are not up to recent averages. This is to be attributed to low prices for farm products and in part to the fact that some do not seek the blessings of liberality. Yet sufferers in the west have been benefited by the gifts of these people. The S. of C. E. is accumulating a

fund for a new organ and, generally speaking, the church is in a healthy condition.

Talmage Memorial reports lights and shadows. The shadows are : In financial matters we have not prospered ; the depression has been sore. People have been without work, or worked at starvation rates, and the burden has rested very heavily on the few, and not at all lightly upon the pastor. The lights are as follows : During the nine months of the present pastorate there has been decided growth. The total enrollment of the Sunday-school has increased from 160 a year ago to 220 now. A Young Men's Bible Class has been formed of 35 members. Weekly prayer-meetings, as well as the half-hour Sabbath evening prayer-meetings of the young people, are all well attended. Heads of families have been received into the membership of the church, and others are expected. We look forward to a well marked advance all along the line to the honor of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. C. SUCKOW.

Ministerial Changes.—The Rev. W. J. Skillman was received by certificate from the Classis of Dakota, July 3d, 1895, and installed over the Talmage Memorial Church, of Philadelphia. The relation between the 4th Church of Philadelphia and the Rev. Taber Knox was dissolved Sept 1st, 1895, and he was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus to assume the pastorate of the church at Warwick, N. Y.

F. M. KIP, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The committee on the state of religion does not profess to have unbounded confidence in the value of statistical tables. It nevertheless presents the following report, together with a few comparisons, offering them to the Classis for what they may be worth :

Under the head of "Communicants" it will be observed that we have received on certificate about the same number that we have dismissed, these accounts balancing each other. We have had fewer deaths than converts by about 75, which ought to give us at least that many more communicants than we reported last year. As a matter of fact we have 100 less, owing no doubt to the revision of church rolls, and the disposition to get down from an inflated membership to a number more accurately representing the strength of the church.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the consistent walk and con-

sation of the churches of this Classis. In a communion of 3,535 members, it has not been found necessary to suspend a single one.

The dearth of children among us, however, is something very distressing. Leaving out of account three churches, which are either more prolific than the others, or else have not forgotten to celebrate the sacrament of infant baptism, the average is one baby for every fifty families. Steps ought to be taken to remedy this sad condition.

We have 94 baptized non-communicants in the Classis, and these all belong to the church of Rockaway. So says the report. Why should there exist a monopoly of this kind among us?

Of Sunday-schools we have the same number as last year; of scholars the same, apparently; of catechumens apparently more. One school reports almost a fifth of the entire enrollment. Outside of this the average enrollment is less than a hundred for the Sunday-schools of the Classis.

For denominational objects the average contribution per member is \$1.28; small enough, indeed, as compared with an average of \$11.67 for congregational uses, and less by considerable than last year's contributions for the same purposes. Our total benevolences amount to \$5,636; our total congregational offerings, \$41,382; over seven times as much for ourselves as for others, and all the while the cry of "hard times" going up, and all the while there is more money for ourselves, and all the while less money for benevolence. We cut off nothing but our charities. Truly it is a strange charity that begins at home and ends there!

The committee has made a calculation. Supposing each family to give a tenth of its income to the Lord, including in that phrase the support of the gospel and the maintenance of christian work—that is, the sum total of everything given by the Classis of Raritan for all purposes whatever—and we are driven to the lamentable conclusion that the average christian family of this community, that we thought so blessed, lives on the munificent sum of \$265 per annum. And this is the "Garden of the Dutch Church!" Is the soil worn out? Or isn't it tilled?

Brethren, it is the purpose of the committee to disturb this spirit of complacency that breathes through all, or nearly all, the reports. We have none of us as yet "attained"; we are laborers together in the further of a common harness; and anything like satisfaction over the progress we have done for Christ, or anything like serenity in the view of figures such as these, seems a thing impossible. Not that we could permit ourselves to become pessimistic, and lose faith in the ultimate perfection of the church, which, as the bride of Christ, is to

be presented without spot or wrinkle or any such thing ; but that we ought not, nay, dare not, in the spirit of self approval, close our eyes to the fact that the Classis of Raritan, whatever its other virtues, has never yet risen to the height of sacrificial giving for the sake of the Lord who gave himself for us.

And now, the reasons for dwelling thus upon the financial aspect of the churches : 1st, It is the best indication of the state of religion which our imperfect records can furnish—on the principle that the pocket-book is the real index of consecration ; and 2d, This seems to be just what the Classis needs.

In the light of these criticisms, or rather exhortations, let us read again and ponder the substance of what we have said for ourselves.

The First Church of Raritan reports a prosperous year, and remarks upon the value of the church as a distributing agency for benevolences during a period of financial embarrassment. Two dollars per member is the average for missions, or three dollars and fifty cents for general benevolence. Besides this, a new house of worship is in contemplation, liberal subscriptions coming in all the time. The roll of the church has been revised.

Readington realizes that it has much for which to be grateful. Each communion season has added new members, and others, not a few, are pondering the great question of their soul's welfare. New workers are being raised up, and new voices heard in prayer and praise. The great event of the year was the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the church's organization, observed on the 17th of October last. The record of that day has been published, a second edition of the volume being now in preparation.

Bedminster rejoices in a year of uninterrupted prosperity, many rills of christian activity swelling the river of its life. All the church organizations have been kept in vigorous exercise ; special meetings have been held in one section of the congregation ; converts have been gathered in ; the denominational work has been supported with loyalty and liberality ; and an average of two dollars per member, one dollar for foreign and one for domestic missions, has been raised for our two Mission Boards. It is the purpose of this congregation to provide as much for the work of church extension in America as for the propagation of the gospel in foreign lands.

Lebanon counts the year just ended to be the most prosperous one in its history. Its happy privilege has been to welcome into the communion of the church thirty-one converts on confession of faith, others also being already prepared to take the same important step. This makes the census number of families in this church the second

largest in the Classis, with a total number of communicants greater than any church outside of Somerville. Evidence of this church's liberality may be found in the attractive and elegantly furnished house of worship recently renovated at a cost of more than \$4,500. This expenditure "has been cheerfully provided for by an earnest, Christ-loving people." The average contribution for denominational benevolence is about twenty cents per member, for the year.

Rockaway has received twelve new members on confession and three on certificate. The gifts of the church are not large, but in the absence of any remarks accompanying the statistical report, no special features of the work can be dwelt upon.

North Branch pursues the even tenor of its way ; and, considering the embarrassments, pecuniary and otherwise, under which our farming communities have been striving, presents an excellent report. The benevolent contributions are not as large as usual, but still maintain a high standard, and indicate liberality to the degree of sacrifice.

Second, Raritan.—Amid much rejoicing this church dedicated its new house of worship on the 18th of December last, and on the following Sabbath subscribed over \$13,000, thus providing in full for the payment of all indebtedness. The total cost of the property is between seventy-two and seventy-three thousand dollars. God's blessing has followed the sacrificing labors of the people ; converts come in numbers ; the organizations within the church prosecute their work with vigor ; no diminution of missionary zeal is perceptible, notwithstanding the heavy burdens which the people have borne at home ; congregations increase, church loyalty deepens, and altogether the out-look is alluring. Truly the Lord hath done great things for them, whereof they are glad !

Peapack sends a revised list of families and communicant members, and reports the adoption of a plan for systematic beneficence. The inevitable result is seen. Contributions have more than doubled, although the pastor has been in charge but six months. Extensive repairs have been made to parsonage and church ; ten accessions to the membership have been received ; a spirit of christian harmony prevails, and the new year, under the new pastorate, opens auspiciously.

Branchville also reports a revised list of communicants, and while the losses by death and dismissal have been large, 22 in all, yet the number of additions exceeds this by 5. Noteworthy is the organization of a Ladies' Missionary Society. Quiet and substantial progress characterizes the year.

Third, Raritan bears testimony to the usefulness of the Y. P. S. C. E. in developing the powers of the young people, and in fitting them for

service in things secular as well as religious. The church has felt severely the industrial depression, but has managed, nevertheless, to discharge a long-standing debt amounting to \$1,355. Benevolences are less than usual, but still enough to indicate liberality.

Pottersville.—Reported too late to be incorporated here.

High Bridge.—The outlook for this church is good, but the effort of pastor and people during the past year have been rather preparative than decisive.

Annandale is still supplied by Bro. McWilliam, under whose preaching an increased interest and attendance is observed.

Fourth, Raritan, finishes a year of great importance. The Rev. F. Koechli is now the settled pastor of this church, and the organization is fast becoming perfected. Thirteen new members have been received, and the contributions have been larger than ever before.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. Howard C. Hasbrouck, examined, ordained and installed over the church of Peapack, October, 1894. The Rev. Sartell Prentice, Jr., examined, ordained and stilled over the church of Pottersville, Nov. 24, 1894. The Rev. Koechli installed over the Fourth Church, Raritan, July 9th, 1894.

WM. STOCKTON CRANMER

B. V. D. WYCKOFF.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.							C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Non-Of Baptized	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Beuevolent.	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, Hackensack.....	Herman Vanderwart	200	76	8	5	2	2	486	10	23	390	1	500	\$1,555 00	\$453 00	\$4,900 00	Hackensack, N. J.			
Schraalenburgh	George H. Cotton.....	90	9	7	3	1	119	9 3	116	76	1	116	232 64	60 85	2,358 63	Schraalenburgh, N. J.				
English Neighborhood	Perrin Martyn.....	50	11	2	4	3	91	3 2	99	1	99	1	63 14	63 14	2,050 00	Kidgfield, N. J.				
New Durham.....	Isaac W. Gowen.....	190	41	17	16	6	420	39 10	239	175	2	1,200	808 00	244 00	4,023 00	Weehawken, N. J.				
First, Hoboken.....	Henry Mattice.....	74	6	5	2	2	141	20 1	30	45	1	143	27 00	91 38	1,512 61	Hoboken, N. J.				
Park Ch., Jersey City..	J. Francis Morgan.....	175	3	8	14	4	286	6	14	36	1	300	314 15	59 00	3,988 07	281 Pavonia ave., J. City, N. J.				
North, Bergen.....	John Justin.....	65	10	3	4	90	14	334	6	8	1	320	856 00	2,513 38	10,714 88	Weehawken, N. J.				
Second, Hackensack....	Arthur Johnson.....	155	38	22	3	10	599	200 6	250	1	600	1	766 92	2 75	5,450 00	248 Garden st., Hoboken, N. J.				
German Ev. Hoboken	John Rudolph.....	90	9	1	5	2	90	51	1	41	75	1	135	130 00	1,000 00	Hackensack, N. J.				
Third, Hackensack....	John Bomba.....	53	3	1	1	1	55	11 1	38	67	1	118	90 81	138 22	1,768 00	Closter, N. J.				
Closter.....	Henry Ward, (S. C.)	70	1	5	1	2	123	1	41	75	1	135	130 00	50 00	976 15	Fort Lee, N. J.				
Palisades.....	Artemus Dean.....	53	3	1	1	1	45	6	1	20	1	203	99 60	93 25	341 67	Passaic, N. J.				
Guttenberg.....	Wm. Manchec, (S. S.)	30	24	24	3	3	196	21 3	250	1	450	1	2,192 23	32 42	3,800 00	87 Bowers st., Jers'y City, N. J.				
Central av., Jersey City	Charles S. Wright.....	120	24	24	3	3	196	21 3	250	1	450	1	2,192 23	32 42	3,800 00	Cherry Hill, N. J.				
Cherry Hill.....	Abram Duryee.....	65	11	7	5	3	73	2	2	1	114	1	65	250 00	250 00	Secaucus, N. J.				
Secaucus.....	Vacant.....	20	5	5	5	5	26	1	8	1	53	1	40 00	6 77	273 64	Maywood, N. J.				
Spring Valley.....	David M. Talmage.....	70	2	4	3	2	95	5	51	204	1	204	236 62	18 84	1,462 61	Westwood, N. J.				
Westwood.....	John T. E. DeWitt.....	62	1	6	1	1	60	5	20	90	1	125	206 08	51 50	3,578 00	Oradell, N. J.				
Oradell.....	Charles I. Shepard.....	51	5	1	1	2	40	10	17	75	1	104	5 00	.....	1,321 30	Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.			
Hasbrouck Heights.....	Total.....	1,650	293	117	79	27	3,394	415 63	444 1,662	22,544	\$4,960 48	\$4,645 32	\$54,091 96							

Other Ministers.—J. H. Ballagh, Missionary, Yokohama, Japan ; Frederick Kern.

Candidates.—Carl Krause, Robert W. Blake.

* Revised list.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Census.	Number of Families.	Recd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismitted.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.	
																		Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.
Bergen Reformed.....	Cornelius Brett.....	311	28	13	5	0	6	610	30	17	200	450	3	872	.....	.....	\$8,858 00	500 Bergen ave., Jersey City
First, Bayonne.....	Charles H. Jones.....	322	18	26	9	0	7	464	20	3	359	400	2	782	.....	.....	4,358 00	527 Ave. B, Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne st., J. City. {	Paul D. Vancleef.....	98	3	1	3	0	5	171	2	1	50	150	1	350	.....	.....	4,153 00	{ 288 Barrow st., J'y City.
Bergen Point.....	Rob't K. Wick (S. C.)	80	1	2	3	1	1	166	5	1	50	122	1	162	.....	.....	4,070 00	53 Lord ave., Bayonne.
Second, Hudson City	Emil A. Meury.....	190	4	2	3	0	9	478	103	7	150	52	1	575	.....	.....	330 00	14 Sherman Place, J. City.
Lafayette, Reformed	Thos. J. Kommers.....	110	3	5	10	0	5	166	5	1	57	210	1	345	.....	.....	288 00	239 Pacific ave., J. City, N. J.
Greenville.....	Vacant.....	185	14	7	5	0	1	265	13	4	93	45	2	510	.....	.....	70 00	.....
Free, Jersey City.....	Charles L. Clist.....	80	5	1	4	0	1	109	8	1	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	45 00	.....
Third, Bayonne.....	Matthew Muller.....	52	20	.....	.....	0	2	97	29	2	.....	9	1	155	.....	.....	23 00	117 Ocean ave., J. City, N. J.
South Bergen.....	William D. Grant.....	167	18	10	11	0	5	239	16	5	.....	.....	.....	465	.....	.....	85 00	Bayonne, N. J.
First Ger. Evangelical	Julius Fischert.....	95	16	.....	.....	0	18	110	16	.....	34	19	1	250	.....	.....	.....	129 Bergen ave., J'y City.
St. John's Ger. Evg.	Gottlieb Andraea.....	85	15	.....	.....	0	8	207	74	2	130	120	3	350	.....	.....	40 00	66 Wayne st., Jersey City.
Total.....	Total.....	1,772	145	67	53	1	67	3,022	321	44	1,143	1,577	18	5,116	\$3,323 00	\$2,000 00	\$42,571 00	48 Fairview ave., J'y City.	

Other Ministers—James L. Amerman, Assistant Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 25 East 22d Street, New York City; William R. Duryee, Professor in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Candidates.—Edward Meury, Jersey City, N. J.; Robert Thomas Wilson, Bayonne, N. J.; Jacob V. Wyckoff, Bayonne, N. J.

† Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.										C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Census.		Number of Families.								Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.	
		Rec'd	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.							
First, Freehold.....	Charles W. VanZee.....	106	6	9	3	182	1	4	.....	150	2	180	\$ 192 03	\$ 31 35	\$1,625 58	Marlboro, Mon. Co., N. J.	
Holmdel.....	Garret Wyckoff.....	85	4	4	2	195	6	1	40	140	1	160	622 76	54 50	1,800 00	Holmdel		
Spotswood.....	C. Spaulding, (Em).....	52	8	2	.....	1	100	2	.....	150	3	180	80 04	31 53	1,151 31	129 Franklin st., Newark.	
Middletown.....	W. H. Van Doren.....	40	7	2	.....	1	110	4	3	30	50	1	92	168 99	35 14	1,222 28	Spotswood, Middlesex Co.
Sec'nd, Freehold.....	P. K. Hageman.....	120	3	8	4	1	355	5	2	73	175	1	220	827 00	109 00	3,668 00	Middletown, Mon. Co., N. J.	
Keyport.....	I. P. Brokaw.....	48	15	4	1	3	107	1	7	31	47	1	90	59 94	.....	1,089 31	Freehold.
Long Branch.....	J. T. Schock.....	48	15	4	1	3	107	1	7	31	47	1	90	59 94	.....	1,089 31	Keyport.
Colts Neck.....	A. B. Herman, (s. c.).....	86	6	2	.....	4	128	3	3	.....	.....	.....	123	85 27	.....	1,577 34	Long Branch City.
Highlands.....	S. R. Cunningham.....	30	17	1	.....	2	95	1	1	.....	.....	.....	123	142 61	12 32	1,187 35	Colts Neck, Mon. Co.,
Asbury Park.....	Vacant.....	70	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	81	1	146	8 00	.....	.....	286 80	Highlands.
	E. C. Scudder.....	70	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	81	1	146	8 00	.....	8 50	1,700 00	Asbury Park.
	Total.....	735	76	32	30	1,231	1,443	29	26	200	793	13	1,413	\$2,335 99	\$ 282 54	\$15,218 47		

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Census.	Rec'd.	Dismissed.		Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.		Other Objects.	Congregational.
Belleville.....	A. Hageman, (S. C.)	150	16	14	19	11	2	*227	7	3	100	157	180	\$ 404 80	\$ 54 88	\$2,385 33	Belleville, N. J.	
First Newark.....	T. J. Lee.....	225	14	12	23	5	3	*450	1	3	.....	300	2	360	700 00	857 00	4,700 00	Newark.
Irvington.....	D. H. Christensen.....	102	6	9	8	5	1	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	202	27 00	120 00	1,495 00	Irvington.
N. Y. Ave., Newark.....	John S. Allen.....	135	11	8	3	2	3	234	14	2	.....	.....	1	313	486 20	266 00	3,020 00	Newark.
Franklin.....	William Stuart.....	94	28	.....	3	1	2	143	11	.....	.....	140	1	167	130 66	33 35	1,704 23	Nutley.
North Newark.....	D. Sage Mackay.....	310	26	13	11	2	657	15	4	.....	.....	3	910	6,038 61	331 77	8,476 21	Newark.	
West Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	82	24	.....	12	286	80	1	.....	.....	.....	34	2	290	24 00	10 50	1,005 50	Newark.
Clinton ave., Newark.....	Daniel H. Martin.....	395	35	23	13	5	612	8	13	.....	.....	2	860	2,686 77	733 12	8,801 80	Newark.	
Trinity, Newark.....	J. N. Morris.....	135	18	6	7	3	117	9	3	85	.....	1	341	111 67	45 00	1,461 60	Newark.	
Linden.....	Vacant.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	97	.....	.....	.....	.....
Christ Church, Newark.....	I. V. W. Schenck.....	166	6	3	12	3	251	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	274	98 35	513 58	2,915 88	Newark.
Stone House Plains.....	W. E. Bogardus, P. E.....	45	5	.....	.....	.....	3	101	3	1	.....	.....	1	114	125 70	10 00	1,705 83	Brookdale.
Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	276	33	17	41	5	578	8	7	.....	.....	240	1	329	1,191 88	297 19	14,272 33	East Orange
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Cornelius Schenck.....	245	13	25	9	7	525	19	6	.....	.....	1	378	761 61	490 89	5,610 98	Plainfield.	
German, Plainfield.....	G. Hauser.....	50	28	1	2	3	96	3	.....	2	8	1	68	36 00	.....	850 00	.....	Plainfield.
Total.....	Total.....	2,350	263	136	143	153	4	4,416	169	54	187	879	19	4,323	\$12,823 25	\$3,763 28	\$48,404 69	.....

* Revised list. † Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 344 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.
M. C. Hansen, 70 Ashland Ave., East Orange, N. J.; David Waters, Newark, N. J.; James C. Garretson, Railway, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS. BAP.										C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.	
																	Denomina- tional Objects.			Other Objects.
First, New Brunswick...	P. Theo. Peckman...	315	14	8	21	1	14	664	16	5	.....	345	1	417	\$1,367 00	\$533 00	\$4,432 00	New Brunswick, N. J.	
Six Mile Run	Geo. M. S. Blauvelt...	117	13	7	8	5	281	334	5	3	.....	66	5	200	976 00	55 00	1,490 00	Franklin Park, "	
Hillshorough	Theodore Shafer	139	22	13	8	4	334	5	9	68	.....	301	7	230	475 00	103 00	1,467 00	Milstone, "	
Middlebush	James LeFevre	189	6	3	4	5	118	2	1	.....	163	1	189	476 00	.....	.....	1,561 00	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Jas. L. Southard	81	5	2	2	1	115	2	1	.....	62	2	89	115 00	53 00	798 00	Griggstown, "		
Second, N. Brunswick...	Manlius H. Hutton...	180	7	12	11	6	398	13	1	100	217	2	334	1,397 00	528 00	6,286 00	New Brunswick, "			
Boundbrook	Albert L. Mershon...	80	13	7	.....	1	269	5	15	.....	41	29	165	118 00	.....	1,178 00	So. Boundbrook, "	
Third, New Brunswick...	Karl Meyer	12	.....	2	3	.....	153	2	15	.....	41	29	.....	.....	.....	257 00	New Brunswick, "	
East Millstone	A. Paige Pecke	74	2	2	3	2	152	1	152	1	.....	98	1	98	70 00	18 00	1,179 00	East Millstone, "	
Metuchen	John H. Raven	64	1	12	2	1	165	1	1	.....	83	1	109	211 00	29 00	1,361 00	Metuchen, "		
Snydam st., N. Bruns'k...	Alan D. Campbell...	60	4	11	.....	3	24	8	1	.....	167	1	217	424 00	12 00	2,339 00	New Brunswick, "	
Highland Park	John B. Thompson...	30	3	1	.....	1	62	5	1	35	.....	.....	1	90	27 00	.....	1,215 00	New Brunswick, "
Total		1,212	88	78	74	2	43	2,750	66	29	218	1,084	23	2,120	\$5,635 00	\$1,641 00	\$23,717 00			

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, E. T. Corwin, (s. c.), both of New Brunswick; Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Edward Lord, Patchogue, N. Y. Augustus F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J.; Eugene Booth, Yokohama, Japan; John De Witt, St. Paul, Minn.

Candidates.—T. DeWitt Reiley, Chadwick, N. J. Chas. W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb. A. G. VanAken, New Brunswick, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Census.	Number of Families.	Recd.				Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.	
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.								Died.			Denominational Objects.
Acquanuonck.....	John Gaston.....	150	23	3	6	8	399	15	9	8	.....	240	1	345	\$1,513 00	\$ 495 00	\$5,667 25	Passaic, Passaic Co., N. J.
Centerville.....	Anson DuBois.....	80	19	2	1	27	3	27	0	0	.....	110	.....	110	50 00	.....	4,654 20	Athens, "
Clarkstown.....	Eugene Hill.....	80	13	4	5	4	192	4	5	5	56	70	2	227	262 49	138 78	1,175 20	W. Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Clifton.....	E. Birdsal.....	55	9	5	5	79	4	79	4	4	31	120	1	164	68 44	56 66	2,126 36	Clifton, Passaic Co., N. J.
Garfield.....	Geo. G. Seibert.....	149	1	16	5	23	53	53	5	5	23	90	1	115	86 97	20 85	850 52	Garfield, Bergen Co., "
Hawthorne.....	Vacant.....	40	5	16	6	8	23	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hawthorne, "
Lodi, 1st Holland.....	Vacant.....	50	4	6	6	12	62	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	475 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., "
Lodi, Second.....	Wm. Johnston.....	130	4	2	1	57	14	57	14	14	46	25	1	139	69 00	55 00	956 08	Lodi, "
Nyack.....	Wm. J. Leggett.....	164	6	8	4	9	368	4	3	3	66	108	1	227	1,333 38	214 58	4,228 73	Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Paramus.....	W. H. Vroom.....	117	20	15	5	9	218	5	6	6	160	90	1	220	290 85	38 53	2,711 30	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Pascack.....	Edward Lodewick.....	100	12	6	2	3	275	1	4	4	160	138	1	185	126 74	14 00	2,154 89	Park Ridge, "
Passaic, 1st Holland.....	W. M. C. Jacobs.....	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,141 31	193 49	1,500 00	Passaic, Passaic Co., "
Passaic, North.....	J. H. Whitehead.....	100	14	5	10	2	340	12	2	2	50	40	1	179	351 11	193 34	4,760 82	Passaic, "
Paterson, Broadway.....	Vacant.....	90	10	2	4	199	2	140	9	9	243	60	1	104	71 53	33 00	3,214 87	Paterson, "
Paterson, 1st Holland.....	D. L. Batten.....	80	8	18	.....	140	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Paterson, "
Paterson, North.....	Vacant.....	60	9	6	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	North Paterson, "
Paterson, Second.....	J. H. Duryea, Em.....	180	6	2	4	4	375	20	1	1	200	1	500	485 00	245 00	3,642 00	17 Temple st., Paterson, "	
Piermont.....	J. W. Welles (S. C.).....	70	2	7	2	2	129	2	.....	.....	.....	50	1	135	350 86	175 00	2,532 28	79 Hamilton ave., Paterson, "
Ranapo.....	Edward S. Ralston.....	70	11	5	1	4	121	24	1	1	.....	.....	2	210	54 73	25 00	1,216 54	Piermont, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Ramapo.....	A. A. King.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ridgewood.....	Vacant.....	120	15	19	5	2	238	10	4	4	230	125	2	325	471 34	243 53	3,566 12	Ramseys, "
Saddle River.....	J. A. Van Neste.....	166	11	2	2	73	2	23	2	2	23	25	1	189	18 45	32 79	1,038 95	Saddle River, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Spring Valley.....	Isaac Van Kampen.....	85	3	7	2	117	7	7	2	2	67	187	1	213	302 80	15 00	1,370 26	Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Tappan.....	Cornelius E. Crispell.....	60	5	6	3	3	105	3	50	60	92	60	3	92	90 18	122 15	1,311 03	Tappan, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Warwick.....	M. N. Oliver.....	148	5	7	5	250	2	250	3	3	72	130	1	180	1,196 34	5 08	3,015 00	Warwick, Orange Co., "
West N. Hempstead.....	Taber Knox.....	49	4	2	1	104	2	1	20	81	104 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	626 17	Viola, Rockland Co., "
Wortendyke, Holland.....	Thos. S. Dustnbetter.....	60	18	1	2	140	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	3	115	.....	.....	794 38	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.
Total.....	Total.....	2,286	218	171	76	1	4,238	186	61	1,424	\$9,899 44	\$4,316 78	\$55,349 11	\$9,473 73	\$4,316 78	\$55,349 11		Scotch H. Van Ambler, "One Union.

* One million.

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CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	BAP.		No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		Congregational.
				Infants.	Adults.							Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.								
Boardville	Alex. McKelvey.....	15		12	7	3		1	16	1	4			1	40	\$250 65	\$ 6 00	\$ 80 00	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.		
Boonton	.....	75		11	1	1		1	94	1	4		74	1	103	225 50	12 00	1,461 63	Boonton, Morris Co., " "	
Fairfield	J. W. Conklin, (s. s.).....	75		11	1	1		1	94	1	4		74	1	103	225 50	12 00	1,461 63	Fairfield, Essex Co., " "		
First, Little Falls	J. O. Van Fleet, (s. c.).....	60		7	1	3		3	110	5	1			1	90	166 78	21 56	1,060 00	Little Falls, " "		
Second, " "	Vacant *.....	75		9	6	3		3	173	11	2			1	125	19 00	18 00	1,387 91	Little Falls, " "		
Montville	G. A. Luckenbill.....	40		2	3	4		1	28	4	6	50		1	55	154 66	2 00	351 00	Boonton, Morris Co., " "		
6th Holland Church	E. Vanhetloo.....	40		1	3			1	87	8				1	95	154 66	2 00	351 00	Boonton, Morris Co., " "		
People's Park	John Smith.....	522		29	18	10		9	650	78	1,185	550	100	1	350	10 00	13 50	1,744 04	Paterson, " "		
Pompton	Ferdinand S. Wilson.....	105		26	8	9		4	172	26	159	160	90	2	277	417 52	106 63	1,937 68	Riverdale, Morris Co., " "		
Pompton Plains	Charles J. Allen.....	110		15	3	1		3	225	11	6	33	90	2	277	417 52	106 63	1,937 68	Pompton Plains, " "		
Ponds	Charles L. Palmer.....	165		35	7	4		4	300	3	18		100	4	459	582 98		2,273 43	Oakland, Bergen Co., " "		
Preakness	Geo. W. Labaw.....	78		12	1	8		2	91	5	4		200	1	135	78 58		1,171 90	Bank st., Paterson, " "		
Riverside, Paterson	John B. Church.....	40		3	1	3		3	126	5	4		200	1	374	109 07	24 90	982 82	Bank st., Paterson, " "		
First Totowa	Thos. Powell Vernoll.....	110		13	6	3		3	290	8	9		216	1	330	341 34	22 91	1,892 34	East 13th st., Paterson, N. J.		
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies.....	140		34	16	4		3	390	42		740	220	1	90	171 76	267 28	4,405 79	Paterson, " "		
Wyckoff	A. Westveer.....	220		17	12	6		2	146	7	1			1	95	129 44	43 25	2,239 40	Wyckoff, " "		
		85		13	3																
Total.....		1,880		222	94	62	5,443	2,998	217	50	2,158	1,610	20	3,339		\$2,775 17	\$938 49	\$8,175 76			

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Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J.; Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.										C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Com- munion.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		
				Other Objects.	Congregational.														
N. & Southampton.....	Horace P. Craig.	110	11	3	9	6	1205	2	9	.....	250	.....	5	350	\$ 343 11	\$ 9 86	\$1,816 00	Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa.	
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip (s.c.)	135	12	2	13	1	5	231	5	102	.....	4	215	4	215	105 60	57 58	1,590 57	Harlingen, New Jersey.
Neshanic	John Hart,	149	8	5	8	6	210	4	4	175	.....	4	240	4	240	276 00	75 00	1,800 00	Neshanic.
First, Philadelphia.....	P. H. Milliken	110	7	6	1	4	264	1	3	39	80	2	320	2	320	276 00	110 00	6,394 00	1433 Poplar st., Phila., Pa.
Second, "	William H. Tracy,	218	4	2	11	4	339	3	3	.....	309	1	454	2	454	686 48	461 31	8,127 38	1802 Tioga st., "
Fourth, "	Vacant	7	6	6	6	357	5	4	180	.....	309	1	110	1	110	66 67	146 85	2,403 02	145 Grape st., "
Blawenburgh	John S. Van Orden,	90	16	5	4	2	188	2	4	180	.....	14	1	1	1	44 36	604 95	604 95	Blawenburgh, New Jersey.
Stanton	James Bolton, (s. s.)	80	15	3	4	2	162	5	6	.....	14	1	1	1	1	4 87	900 00	900 00	Stanton.
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogert,	75	3	5	6	3	126	2	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1358 99	900 00	1,358 99	Rocky Hill.
Rocky Hill	Orville J. Hogan	63	3	3	3	3	121	2	.....	.....	25	1	132	1	132	169 69	14 60	1,941 50	2223 E. Susq. ave., Phila., Pa.
Fifth, Philadelphia.....	C. F. C. Suckow	154	3	1	1	1	106	3	.....	.....	21	1	316	1	316	195 00	173 00	1,941 50	Richboro, Bucks Co., Pa.
Addisville	S. O. Lawsing,	73	1	1	1	1	137	3	.....	.....	4	1	240	1	240	194 37	10 86	1,110 00	Three Bridges, New Jersey.
Three Bridges	O. M. Voorhees,	83	3	3	8	2	137	3	.....	.....	35	1	122	1	122	40 82	5 00	608 15	Three Bridges, New Jersey.
Talmage Memorial.....	Wm. J. Skillman,	80	9	4	.....	1	182	10	1	.....	80	1	220	1	220	95 80	879 93	879 93	Roxborough, Phila., Pa.
Total	Total	1,411	102	39	73	3	48	2,753	97	25	531	814	29	3,319	\$2,599 28	\$1,068 93	\$30,553 49		

‡ 40 Non-resident members—revised list. † 60 Non-resident members—revised list. || Revised list. * One union. * Two union.

Other Ministers.—C. F. Gramm; A. Stoll, Baipore, India.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession.	Rec'd.	Dismissed.			Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		
					On Certificate.	Suspended.	On Certificate.										Other Objects.	Denomina- tional Objects.	Congregational.
First, Raritan.....	Wm. StocktonCramer	*215	8	22	6	6	6	*325	4	5	70	70	1	325	\$ 925 00	\$ 565 00	\$5,152 00	N. J. Somerville, Readington, Bedminster, Lebanon, Rockaway, North Branch, Second, Raritan, Branchville, Peapack, Third, Raritan, Pottersville, High Bridge, Annandale, Fourth, Raritan.
Readington.....	B. V. D. Wyckoff	165	5	6	13	5	310	3	5	100	.....	100	##4	180	278 00	70 00	1,983 00	
Bedminster.....	T. Walker Jones	198	17	7	1	5	360	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	180	578 00	43 00	1,351 00
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis	229	31	1	2	3	381	13	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	250	79 00	60 00	5,970 00
Rockaway.....	B. C. Miller, Jr.	119	12	3	1	2	267	2	3	.....	.....	.....	##5	250	165 00	10 00	1,204 00	
North Branch.....	P. M. Doolittle	132	17	14	11	6	203	2	3	75	.....	75	.....	2	322	331 00	91 00	1,083 00
Second, Raritan.....	Edward Griffin Read,	232	17	27	17	12	604	4	3	300	.....	300	.....	1	322	1,118 00	87 00	15,752 00
Branchville.....	Howard C. Hasbrouck	*69	11	9	16	4	153	1	3	98	.....	98	.....	1	350	95 00	28 00	1,476 00
Peapack.....	Isaac Spertling	104	11	16	16	6	200	5	2	.....	.....	.....	##4	240	265 00	17 00	1,186 00	
Third, Raritan.....	Wm. H. DeHart	151	9	15	15	4	315	18	4	200	.....	200	.....	1	235	512 00	99 00	2,160 00
Pottersville.....	Sartell Prentice, Jr.	63	1	3	4	1	115	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	159	51 00	2 00	921 00
High Bridge.....	Isaac L. Kip	99	1	1	2	3	148	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	159	100 00	10 00	1,276 00
Annandale.....	A. McWilliam, (s.s.)	41	1	1	.....	.....	64	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	1	100	56 00	13 00	805 00
Fourth, Raritan.....	F. Koehli	62	13	.....	.....	3	130	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	21 00	17 00	1,067 00
Total.....		1,762	134	119	106	60	3,535	74,37	94	881	27	2,786				\$4,546 00	\$1,112 00	\$41,382 00	

* Revised Roll.

** Two union.

*** Three union.

Other Ministers.—H. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan; J. F. Mesick, (s. c.) Blawenburgh, N. J.; Abram N. Wyckoff, Peapack, N. J.; Charles H. Fool, Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.; Joel Loucks, Palatine Bridge, N. Y.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; George J. Van Neste, Millstone, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1886.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	COMMUNICANTS.				BAP.		C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.								
				Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.		No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		
																					Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
Bergen.....	20	20	2	1,650	293	117	79	2	77	3,994	415	69	444	1,443	1,577	22	5,445	\$4,560 00	\$4,645 00	\$54,092 00	Henry Ward.		
South Bergen.....	12	14	3	1,772	145	67	53	1	67	3,022	321	44	1,143	1,443	1,577	18	5,116	3,323 00	2,000 00	12,571 00	Robt. K. Wick.		
Monmouth.....	10	11	...	735	76	32	30	1	23	1,443	29	26	387	793	793	13	1,413	2,326 00	293 00	15,218 00	A. B. Herman.		
Newark.....	15	20	...	2,359	363	136	143	1	53	4,446	169	54	1,118	1,443	1,577	19	4,853	12,823 00	3,763 00	48,405 00	A. Hageman.		
New Brunswick.....	12	19	3	1,212	88	78	74	2	43	2,759	66	39	218	1,084	1,084	23	2,120	5,085 00	1,641 00	23,717 00	E. T. Corwin.		
Paramus.....	27	27	...	2,286	218	171	76	1	76	4,235	186	61	1,424	2,389	2,389	33	4,733	9,599 00	2,317 00	55,330 00	Theo. W. Welles.		
Passaic.....	16	16	...	1,886	222	94	62	3	45	2,998	217	50	2,158	1,610	1,610	20	3,339	4,775 00	838 00	28,176 00	J. O. Van Fleet.		
Philadelphia.....	14	15	...	1,411	102	39	73	3	48	2,753	97	28	531	814	814	29	3,319	2,509 00	1,069 00	30,553 00	Francis M. Kip.		
Karlian.....	14	22	...	1,762	134	119	16	...	...	3,535	74	37	94	881	881	27	2,786	4,526 00	1,112 00	41,382 00	John F. Messick.
	140	164	8	15,088	1,541	853	606	16	492	38,476	1,574	389	6,399	11,089	11,089	204	33,094	\$48,536 00	\$17,668 00	\$339,444 00			

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes begs leave to report as follows :
The Books of all the Classes have been presented, except from the
Diocese of New Brunswick, and referred to sub-committees, examined,
the following is their report :

JOHN N. JANSEN,
A. WESTVEER,
W. A. CORTELYOU.

Classis of Raritan.—14 churches.

- st. The books are accurately kept.
1. That they contain nothing requiring attention of Synod.
1. The answers to the constitutional questions are as follows :

1st Question, 14 Churches, Yes.				
2d	"	5	"	Yes. 9 No.
3d	"	14	"	Yes.
4th	"	14	"	Yes.
5th	"	14	"	Yes.
6th	"	14	"	Yes.
7th	"	8	"	Yes. 6 No.

Respectfully submitted,
C. E. CRISPELL,
W. A. CORTELYOU.

Classis of Monmouth.—10 churches.

Committee reports everything regular. Constitutional questions
answered as follows :

1st Question, 10 Churches, Yes.				
2d	"	10	"	Yes.
3d	"	9	"	Yes. 1 No.
4th	"	10	"	Yes.
5th	"	10	"	Yes.
6th	"	9	"	Yes. 1 No.
7th	"	7	"	Yes. 3 No.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. A. LUCKENBILL.

Classis of Newark.—14 churches.

- st. The records are regularly kept.
1. Nothing demanding the action of Synod.

3d. Constitutional questions are answered as follows :

1st Question,	14	Yes.	
2d	"	3	Yes. 11 No.
3d	"	11	Yes. 3 No.
4th	"	14	Yes.
5th	"	14	Yes.
6th	"	13	Yes. 1 No.
7th	"	7	Yes. 7 No.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE HILL,

Classis of Bergen.—20 churches.

The committee respectfully reports that it finds as follows :

1st. The records properly and admirably kept.

2d. Nothing requiring attention of Synod.

3d. Constitutional questions as follows :

1st Question,	16	Yes.	
2d	"	12	Yes. 6 No.
3d	"	16	Yes.
4th	"	14	Yes. 2 No.
5th	"	16	Yes.
6th	"	16	Yes.
7th	"	5	Yes. 12 No.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SKILLMAN,

JOHN W. OPIE.

Classis of Philadelphia.—14 churches.

The committee has examined the books of this Classis and finds as follows :

1st. The records are well and carefully kept.

2d. They contain nothing requiring attention of Synod.

3d. The constitutional questions were answered :

1st Question,	14	Yes.	
2d	"	14	Yes.
3d	"	13	Yes. 1 No.
4th	"	14	Yes.
5th	"	14	Yes.
6th	"	13	Yes. 1 No.
7th	"	3	Yes. 11 No.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. STUART,

V. P. BUCK.

Classis of Paramus.—25 churches.

The committee reports having examined the record of the Classis finds :

- .. Records correctly kept.
- .. Nothing requiring synodical action.
- .. Constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question,	21	Yes.	
2d	"	13	Yes. 8 No.
3d	"	21	Yes.
4th	"	21	Yes.
5th	"	21	Yes.
6th	"	21	Yes.
7th	"	9	Yes. 9 No.

Respectfully submitted,

B. V. D. WYCKOFF, *Ch.*

J. GROENDYKE.

4th Classis of Bergen.—12 churches.

The committee reports minutes regularly kept.

The constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question,	12	Yes.	
2d	"	12	Yes. 2 No.
3d	"	12	Yes.
4th	"	12	Yes.
5th	"	12	Yes.
6th	"	12	Yes.
7th	"	11.	Yes 1 No.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HAGEMAN, *Ch.*

MATTHEW P. LANE.

Classis of Passaic.—16 churches.

The committee reports :

- .. Regularly kept.
- .. Nothing requiring action.
- .. The constitutional questions answered as follows :

1st Question,	13	Yes.	3	No report.
2d	"	6	Yes.	7 No. 3 No report.
3d	"	12	Yes.	1 No. 3 "
4th	"	13	Yes.	"
5th	"	12	Yes.	1 No. 3 "
6th	"	13	Yes.	3 "
7th	"	2	Yes.	11 No. 3 "

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. LAWSING, *Ch.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business report nothing had been referred to them.

The report was accepted.

ARTICLE IX.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence would report that depressed financial conditions continue to affect the contributions. The number of special calls, outside of the usual regular church work, modifies amounts received through ordinary channels, that a fair statement as to the liberality of our people cannot be presented. For particulars we must refer to the Statistical Tables of each Classis. The special attention of General Synod, through classical agents, is bringing, we think, a good effect throughout our bounds. It needs the magnetic pressure of each pastor and consistory upon the congregations to work up, and so to do this continually, to secure what is desired and so much needed. To this point the committee would call attention of each church in its organized capacity.

C. E. CRISPELL,

J. GROENDYKE.

Rev. G. H. Mandeville, D.D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Education, Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D., appeared for the Board of Foreign Missions and Rev. W. H. DeHart for the Board of Domestic Missions. Rev. J. H. Whitehead was also given the opportunity to speak in behalf of the Mission Field.

The following resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, That the Synod having heard the representatives of the Boards and of the *Mission Field*, desires to thank them for their able, resting and instructive addresses, and very cordially commends the great objects to the increased liberality of the church, and heretofore would recommend the Classes to take such action as may be means of impressing their duty upon those congregations which have been neglectful of the great educational and missionary interests of the church ; and further would advise that the *Mission Field* be taken by all the families under the care of Synod.

The courtesies of the Synod were extended to Rev. P. F. Leavens, of the Presbyterian Church, of Passaic, Rev. Mr. Pratt, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. Young, of Garfield, who were present.

ARTICLE XVI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer was authorized to lay the usual assessment on the Classes. His report for 1895 is as follows :

DR.		CR.	
Apr. 30, '94.—To Balance.....	\$166 60	July 3, '94—By salary I. P. Brokaw.....	
June 3, To Classis of Newark.....	29 16	By expenses of Synod.....	
A. Hageman.....	26 95	By printing minutes.....	
Nov. 5, To S. Classis of Bergen....		By balance.....	
	<u>\$222 71</u>		
DR.		CR.	
Mch. 16, 1895.—To balance.....	\$48 07	May 15.—By balance.....	
To Classis of Bergen.....	26 19		
To South Classis of Bergen.....	26 69		
To Classis of Monmouth.....	8 63		
To Classis of Newark.....	29 70		
To Classis of New Brunswick.....	17 32		
To Classis of Paramus.....	34 22		
To Classis of Passaic.....	14 52		
To Classis of Philadelphia.....	18 54		
To Classis of Raritan.....	20 33		
	<u>\$244 21</u>		

ARTICLE XVII.

PARTICULARIA.

The Synod appointed 9 A. M., 3 P. M. and 8 P. M., as the meeting, and 12.30 P. M. and 5.00 P. M. as the hours of adjournment. A special committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed consisting of Rev's G. S. Bishop, W. S. Cranmer and Elder G. W. Waters who reported the order of exercises at the celebration of the Supper as follows : the President to conduct the service, Rev. F. Waters to make the address at the distribution of the bread, F. VanNeste to make the address at the distribution of the wine, J. J. Demarest, G. W. Craven, Chas. L. Hunter, Harvey assisting. The services were duly carried out according to order on Wednesday afternoon.

The first hour after the opening of the Synod and the first of the Session of Wednesday were occupied with devotional exercises.

Rev. W. W. Moffett, D.D., District Secretary of the American Society addressed the Synod on Wednesday morning. He thanked Dr. Moffett for his interesting and instructive address concerning the work and progress of the Bible Society, and recommended the Society to the pastors and congregations met with the Synod.

The very serious illness of Rev. Thos. P. Vernoll, pastor of the Hamilton Avenue Reformed Church of Paterson, having been reported to Synod, a committee consisting of Rev's H. Ward, T. W. Welles, and Elder W. P. Millar was appointed to take suitable action.

They reported as follows :

WHEREAS the Rev. Thomas Powell Vernoll, pastor of the Hamilton Avenue Reformed Church, at Paterson, N. J., is apparently very near death, his physicians having given up all hope of his recovery ; the members of this Synod hereby express their sorrow because of our brother's severe illness, and pray that, if it be the Divine will, his life may be spared and health restored. We also extend to Brother Vernoll our most heartfelt sympathy in this trying hour, praying that he may find God's grace all-sufficient, and if death shall be the issue, that it will be eternal gain and the herald of eternal joy.

We also extend to the officers and members of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, in this dark hour of anxiety and sorrow, our sincere sympathy, and assure them of our hope, that because of God's most loving control of all events, the affliction of the passing days will work out everlasting good.

HENRY WARD,

THEO. W. WELLES,

WM. P. MILLAR.

The report was accepted and adopted, and Rev. T. W. Welles was called upon to lead the Synod in prayer on behalf of Brother Vernoll.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following appointments : to deliver the special address next year, Rev. Geo. S. Bishop, D.D., primarius, Rev. E. G. Read, D.D., secundus ; topic, Foundation Doctrines of the Reformed Church.

To attend the celebration at the Old Scots Burying Ground, June 4th, next, Revs. Alan D. Campbell, Henry Ward, W. H. DeHart, J. B. Thompson, D.D., I. P. Brokaw, C. W. VanZee, David Waters, D.D., Elders Arthur Ward, M. D., Valentine P. Buck.

These were confirmed.

Rev. T. E. Inglis addressed the Synod on Wednesday evening upon the " Bible in India."

The following resolution of thanks was adopted at the closing session :

Resolved, That it is with great pleasure that the Particular Synod of New Brunswick extends its unanimous thanks to the North Reformed Church of Passaic, for their gracious hospitality during the sessions of the Synod, and to the choir of the church for their assistance in the devotional services.

In doing so special mention is made of Masters E. H. and H. C.

Whitehead, for the beautiful programme of the meetings which souvenir of the pleasant occasion.

The Synod desires also to express its appreciation of the instr and inspiring address of Rev. T. E. Inglis, on the "Bible in Ind

ARTICLE XVIII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The following nominations made by the Classes were confirm

Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Artemus Dean, D.D.,	Elder Henry Bell,
" John Justin,	" Thomas M. Ward,
" Arthur Johnson,	" Jasper Westervelt,
" I. W. Gowen,	" T. V. Eaton.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Charles S. Wright,	Elder Isaac D. Bogert,
" H. Vanderwart,	" J. J. Demarest,
" Henry Ward,	" E. H. Schuyler,
" William Manchee,	" Hamilton V. Meek.

South Classis of Bergen.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Chas. H. Jones,	Elder Geo. Carragan,
" W. D. Grant, Ph.D.,	" Henry Hirsch,
" E. A. Meury,	" W. M. Imbrie.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Cornelius Brett, D.D.,	Elder John VanHorne,
" M. Muller,	" John Geiger,
" G. Andraea,	" F. W. Davey.

Classis of Monmouth.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Jas. T. Schock,	Elder G. S. Luyster,
" C. W. Van Zee,	" Jas. Tilton,
" G. Wyckoff,	" Garret Conover.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. H. VanDoren,	Elder W. H. Clark,
" P. K. Hageman,	" Chas. Tindall,
" I. P. Brokaw,	" Valentine P. Buck.

Classis of Newark.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Geo. S. Bishop, D.D.,	Elder Jotham H. Condit,
" John N. Jansen,	" Arthur Ward, M. D.,
" Cornelius Schenck,	" Geo. B. Duren.

SECUNDI.

Rev. D. H. Martin,	Elder Robert Clark,
" Wm. Stuart,	" T. C. Van Riper,
" John S. Allen,	" John Lancaster.

Classis of New Brunswick.

PRIMARI.

Rev. A. P. Peeke,	Elder L. T. Howell,
" J. B. Thompson, D.D.,	" C. E. Riddell,
" P. T. Pockman, D.D.,	" Austin Scott, LL.D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. L. Mershon,	Elder Wm. D. Voorhees,
" J. H. Raven,	" Freeman Edgar,
" J. L. Southard,	" H. P. Cortelyou.

Classis of Paramus.

PRIMARI.

Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D.,	Elder P. Quackenbush,
" Geo. G. Seibert,	" W. W. Westervelt,
" Thos. S. Dusinberre,	" S. P. Blauvelt,
" John Gaston, D.D.,	" Henry P. Simmons,
" John H. Duryea, D.D.,	" Andrew H. Van Wagoner.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. Birdsall,	Elder J. W. Meloney,
" Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D.,	" J. E. Demarest,
" Isaac VanKampen,	" A. Y. Winter,
" Edward Lodewick,	" H. C. Neer, M. D.,
" Anson DuBois, D.D.,	" N. L. Schoonmaker.

Classis of Passaic.

PRIMARII.

Rev. Chas. J. Allen,	Elder Chas. Crane,
“ Thos. P. Vernoll,	“ Garret Planten,
“ Geo. A. Luckenbill,	“ J. W. VanDuyn.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. Westveer,	Elder Wm. H. Yeoman,
“ John Smit,	“ Geo. Schut,
“ J. W. Conklin,	“ Warren Doremus.

Classis of Philadelphia.

PRIMARII.

Rev. F. M. Kip,	Elder W. S. Terhune,
“ Jno. Hart,	“ R. W. Hoagland,
“ P. H. Milliken, Ph. D.,	“ Cicero Hunt.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. H. Tracy,	Elder T. J. Haring,
“ Jno. S. VanOrden,	“ J. V. H. Whitlock,
“ Jas. Bolton,	“ Jos. B. Anderson.

Classis of Raritan.

PRIMARII.

Rev. E. G. Read, D.D.,	Elder James Brown,
“ Isaac Sperling,	“ Garret V. Staats,
“ W. H. DeHart,	“ Peter Gulick.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Sartell Prentice,	Elder Harvey S. Potter,
“ Isaac L. Kip,	“ David L. Apgar,
“ F. Koechli,	“ Jacob Roller.

ARTICLE XIX.**INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.**

None were given.

ARTICLE XX.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 9.20 P. M. of the second day of the session, to hold its next annual meeting in the Reformed Church, of Ridgewood, N. J., on the first Tuesday of May, 1896, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the usual number were ordered to be printed, the roll was called, and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Andrew J. Hageman, and the benediction by the President.

ALAN DITCHFIELD CAMPBELL, *President.*

HENRY WARD, *Vice President.*

JOHN H. RAVEN, }
S. O. LAWSING, } *Clerks pro. tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

Places of Meetings and Presidents.

1869.—First, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
1870.—First, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. William Reiley, D.
1871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City,		Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D
1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic,		Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, I
1873.—Second, Freehold,	- -	Rev. John Gardner.
1874.—Second, Newark,	- -	Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
1875.—Second, Somerville,	- -	Rev. George J. Van Nes
1876.—First, Paterson,	- - -	Rev. William R. Duryee
1877.—Second, New Brunswick,		Rev. William R. Gordor
1878.—Bergen,	- - - -	Rev. J. Howard Suydam
1879.—First, Philadelphia,	- -	Rev. John F. Mesick, D.
1880.—Neshanic,	- - - -	Rev. James LeFevre.
1881.—Paramus,	- - - -	Rev. Cornelius Brett.
1882.—Millstone,	- - - -	Rev. M. H. Hutton.
1883.—First, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf,
1884.—Warwick,	- - - -	Rev. Theodore W. Wells
1885.—First, Orange,	- - -	Rev. Thomas C. Easton.
1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City,	- -	Rev. David Waters, D.D
1887.—Lebanon,	- - - -	Rev. Edward G. Read.
1888.—Belleville,	- - - -	Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
1889.—Second, Philadelphia,	- -	Rev. J. Preston Searle.
1890.—First, Somerville,	- -	Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
1891.—Third, Raritan,	- - -	Rev. N. H. Vanarsdale,
1892.—Nyack,	- - - -	Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.
1893.—First, Hackensack,	- -	Rev. J. B. Thompson, I
1894.—Broadway, Paterson,	- -	Rev. W. H. DeHart.
1895.—North, Passaic,	- - -	Rev. Alan D. Campbell.

Reformed Church in America.

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OF THE

Articular Synod 

OF

 New Brunswick.

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RIDGEWOOD, N. J.,

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Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the Reformed Church, at Ridgewood, N. J., on Tuesday, May 5th, 1866, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, May 6th, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Alan D. Campbell, who also preached the Synodical sermon, on Tuesday evening, from 1 Cor., 2 : 2 "For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, G. H. Cotton, J. T. E. DeWitt, J. Frank Morgan, C. I. Shepherd, D.D. Elders, H. C. Baker, Malcolm H. Gell, T. R. Ennis.

South Classis of Bergen.—Minister, R. K. Wick.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, J. T. Schock, G. Wyckoff, W. H. Doren, I. P. Brokaw, D.D.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, Wm. Stuart, J. S. Allen. Elders, Wm. Laird, John Lancaster.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, John H. Raven, Theodore Shafer, Alan D. Campbell. Elder, Abram DeHart.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, D. L. Betten, Theo. W. Welles, D. D., E. S. Ralston, A. A. King. Elders, Peter Quackenbush, Stansbury A. Jessup.

Classis of Passaic.—Minister, J. B. Church. Elders, C. D. Van Ness, Chas. Crane.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, O. J. Hogan, P. J. Kain, F. M. Kip. Elder, E. S. Voorhees.

Classis of Raritan.—Minister, H. P. Lyman-Wheaton, D.D. Elder, Geo. Stilwell.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Charles I. Shepard, D.D., was elected President.

Rev. Theo. Shafer was elected Vice President.

Revs. O. J. Hogan and Jas. T. Schock were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.
These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

se were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

following were appointed :

Synodical Minutes.—Revs. Theo. W. Welles, Wm. Stuart. El-R. Ennis.

Classical Minutes.—Revs. F. M. Kip, Alan D. Campbell. Elder, Voorhees.

Committee.—

Rev. E. S. Ralston,	Elder S. A. Jessup.
Rev. A. A. King,	Elder C. D. Van Ness.
Rev. H. P. Lyman-Wheaton,	Elder Geo. Stilwell.
Rev. J. T. Schock,	Elder Wm. Laird.
Rev. John H. Raven,	Elder Abm. De Hart.
Rev. O. J. Hogan,	Elder John Lancaster.
Rev. J. T. E. DeWitt,	Elder H. C. Baker.
Rev. Wm. Stuart,	Elder T. R. Ennis.
Rev. P. J. Kain,	Elder M. H. Angell.

Classical Reports.—Revs. Alan D. Campbell, Geo. H. Cotton, H. C. Baker.

Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. J. Francis Morgan, D. Campbell, Elder M. H. Angell.

Nominations.—Revs. Geo. H. Cotton, Theo. W. Welles, Elder Jessup.

Treasurer's Report.—Revs. W. H. VanDoren, F. M. Kip, Elder Laird.

Systematic Benevolence.—Revs. E. S. Ralston, A. A. King, Elder DeHart.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. A notice from the Board of Domestic Missions that Rev. W. H. Vroom had been appointed as its representative to this Synod.
2. A similar communication from the Board of Foreign Missions, delegating Rev. Lewis Francis, D.D. to attend the session of Synod.
3. A request from Rev. A. DeWitt Mason to be heard in the interest of the *Sower and Gospel Field*.
4. A letter from Rev. Dr. W. W. Moffett, District Secretary of the American Bible Society, extending the cordial greetings of that body, their high appreciation of the continued support given by the churches of this Synod, and soliciting its endorsement and assistance for the year to come.
5. Invitations to the Synod from the churches of Bayonne, Suydam street, New Brunswick, and Lebanon, for the meeting of 1897. The invitation of the church of Bayonne was accepted.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for 1895 were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report that they have examined the Minutes of the General Synod of 1895 and the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago, and that they find nothing requiring the action or the consideration of this Synod.

THEO. W. WELLES, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports would respectfully present the following report:

While the reports from nearly all the Classes speak of the stringency of the times, yet all speak in a hopeful way and look forward with

bright anticipation to greater work and usefulness. In fact it may be said that the statistical tables, while they furnish material for serious consideration, however, suggest much that is of great encouragement.

One new church has been added to our rolls. The South Philadelphia church, an independent organization, has been received by the Classis of Philadelphia. The roll of ministers has been increased by four. The census of families is increased so that we report 426 more families than last year. There is a decrease in admission of members by confession of 107 and an increase of admission by certificate of 101. This year 196 more members have been dismissed than last year and 23 more have died. The increase in total enrollment of members is 481, yet this number is 49 less than the increase of the year before. The Committee would call the attention of Particular Synod to this fact and suggest that General Synod be requested to appoint some special day to be devoted to prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The church of Glen Rock, a new church was added to the rolls in the Classis of Paramus.

The enrollment of the Sunday-schools has been increased this year 317, but last year the increase was 1,476, so that we have fallen off 1,159.

Though the financial condition of the country has been so deplorable and some have said that it was worse than the previous year, yet our financial report exceeds, in every department, that of last year. In the gifts to our benevolent objects there is an increase of \$22,423.54. The increase of benevolence to other objects is \$1,587.56 and for congregational purposes an increase of \$6,968.50.

Certainly this report, under the present circumstances, is most encouraging, and is but another instance of the devotion of our people to the interests of our beloved church.

There is nothing in the several reports from the Classes that calls for special mention or action.

The following ministers have died since the last session of Synod :

Rev. Job H. Duryea, D.D., Pastor Emer. of the 2d Reformed Church of Paterson, died on Aug. 7th, 1895. Rev. W. M. C. Jacobs, pastor of the 1st Holland Church, of Passaic, died September 1895. The Rev. W. H. Tracy, pastor of the 2d Reformed Church of Philadelphia, of the Classis of Philadelphia, died on Dec. 20th, 1895. The Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D., of the Classis of Monmouth, died at San Antonio Texas, on Jan. 31st, 1896.

ALAN D. CAMPBELL,
G. H. COTTON,
H. C. BAKER.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF
CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

Reports have been received from all the churches. Three of the churches send only their statistical tables, while the Constitution requires that these shall be "accompanied with such remarks on the spiritual state of the congregation as they may deem proper." We place but little reliance on the statistical tables as to the actual growth of the church at large: for the fruit of the faithful sowing of the seed of divine truth and the enlarged experience of those who wait on the Lord in the services of the sanctuary, cannot be expressed in simple numbers, what is reported by each church as to the state of spiritualism in it, is the better evidence of the work of the blessed Spirit.

Therefore, in compliance with the direction of Synod, we report the facts as given by the churches in their individual reports.

First Hackensack.—The church work has been carried on with more than usual blessing. The work of preaching and giving has borne abundant fruit with the power of the Spirit. Conversions have been numerous. The seating capacity of the church, is taxed to its utmost, necessitating in the near future an enlargement of the building. Prayer-meetings have kept up to the high standard of former years. The gospel services of our Young Men's Band, on Hudson street, are wonderfully blessed. The audience room has been remodeled at an expense of \$3,200, nearly all of which has been paid for already, while the benevolence of \$2,040 for denominational purposes, shows an increase over last year. To God be all the praise and glory.

Schraalenburgh, reports there has been substantial increase in attendance, in membership, in contributions for benevolence, and in amount raised for congregational purposes. The outlook is encouraging. The church thanks God and takes courage.

English Neighborhood, reports, "We have had a fair year; have had only supplies since last report; we hope this year to have a shepherd to take care of this flock. There is a great work for some one that comes into this field of labor. The church is out of debt, only a mortgage on the parsonage, that could soon be raised if we had a good shepherd to work with us. The Ladies' Aid Society is doing a good work; also, the Ladies' Missionary Society is prosperous; the Sunday-school is in a very fair condition; two have joined on confession, one on certificate; the prayer-meetings have been well attended. The Consistory is anxious to see the work go on and prosper. It asks for the prayers and kind help of Classis."

New Durham.—"The church has enjoyed a year of growth. The

blessing of God has rested upon the preaching of His word ; the accessions have been largely on confession of faith ; the work of the West Hoboken Chapel has been placed in the charge of Rev. W. R. Ackert, who was ordained in our church last May. The growth of population in this field, both at New Durham and West Hoboken, promises large things for our church in the future."

First, Hoboken.—The new church edifice was dedicated last April. On Sept. 1st the pastor, Rev. Henry Mattice, resigned, after which the pulpit was supplied by different ministers until Jan. 1st of the present year, since which date the Rev. N. H. VanArsdale, D.D., has had charge as stated supply. A debt against the church of \$1,420 has been cancelled. Although revision of the roll of families and members resulted in a considerable reduction of both, the attendance at the regular services of the church during the last six months has increased. With the debt cancelled and the increased attendance, the people feel quite encouraged. A schedule of annual offerings has just been adopted in the interests of the Boards and Funds of the church.

Park Church, Jersey City.—"This church has made steady progress during the past year. The congregations are very largely increased, and the entire work is in a healthy and promising condition. Eighteen have been received into the communion of the church on the confession of their faith, nine of whom were baptized, and fifteen have been added by certificate ; five have entered into 'The Rest.' The gifts of this church to the Boards, and the Funds of the church and to other objects of benevolence are in excess of past years."

North Bergen.—"This church, in various ways—old and new, has done more work than ever before ; and since God giveth the increase, we are satisfied with the results. One of these we would mention, of the new members received there is a comparatively large number of men who are fathers of families. We humbly and heartily thank God for his mercies."

Second, Hackensack.—This church only reports to Classis the statistical table, from which, however, we learn that the year has been one of great prosperity and they have been greatly blessed.

German Evangelical, Hoboken.—Reports "Slight reduction in the debt of the congregation, and notwithstanding difficult times for finances, are holding our own and keeping property in repair."

Third, Hackensack.—Reports only by the statistics.

Closter.—We have had a year of temporal prosperity ; our Sunday-school room has been thoroughly renovated and improved. The spiritual work of the church has been steadily prosecuted in all departments and some results are manifested. Notwithstanding the removal

of some of our families, there has been an advance. We have reason for gratitude and encouragement.

Palisades.—We have had no special awakening during the year. The Sabbath services and mid-week prayer-meeting have been regularly sustained; a Junior Christian Endeavor Society has been organized and is rapidly growing in numbers. In common with other churches we have suffered from the hard times and we are hoping for an improvement in our financial interests in the near future.

Guttenberg.—The work at Guttenberg moves steadily forward; peace prevails and good will; the people are working harmoniously together and are in good spirits over the continuance of the divine favor and the success which crowns the labors put forth. A C. E. Society has been formed and a Junior Society is being started. The people and the consistory loyally back up the pastor in his efforts all along the line. The Sunday-school grows rapidly; there have been six additions to the church and there are more in preparation for next communion. The church thanks the Lord and takes courage.

Central Avenue, Jersey City, desires to make mention of the goodness of the Lord. The work constantly broadens and new comers in the vicinity are reached through the various church organizations and frequently brought into church fellowship. The regular services have been well attended and additions made at every communion season; improvements have been added to the church property and one thousand dollars paid on the mortgage. With full hearts we sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" every Sabbath.

Cherry Hill.—The year has been one of progress in the face of difficulties. The tornado of last July, by which our church edifice was badly damaged, caused an interruption in our growing work. Under the blessing of God and the manifested sympathy of friends, the building has been repaired. As compared with last year we have increased in numbers; contributed more for benevolence, and gladly report the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society with fourteen members.

Secaucus.—Reports no change in their report of last year, save, the church did not raise as much this last year as they did the year before for carrying on the work of the church.

Spring Valley.—This church has hard work to hold its own. As families remove from the valley their places are taken mostly by foreigners who are hard to reach. The only increase in membership during the year was a lady over 70 years of age. The prayer-meetings have grown in interest and in attendance; the Consistory has adopted a schedule for collections by which it is hoped that systematic benevolence will be an assured fact; contributions have been made to all the

Boards and Funds of the church during the year ; also one for the removal of the debt of the Board of Foreign missions.

Westwood.—This church gives no account of its work aside from the statistical table.

Oradell.—The year has been one of good results ; there has been a gain of seven in the membership of the church and nineteen in the Sunday-school ; all parts of the work, both spiritual and temporal have been well supported ; while much more might have been done, we are thankful that our labor has not been in vain in the Lord. We look to the " Lord of the harvest " for richer blessings in the time to come.

Hasbrouck Heights.—The preaching of the gospel has been attended with manifest presence and power of the Holy Ghost ; twenty have been received into the communion of the church on confession of their faith and eight on certificate ; one of our members has been called home ; the number of families has been increased and the attendance at the prayer-meetings and the Sunday services has been larger than ever before ; the Sunday-school is in a flourishing condition, the catechism being studied as well as the regular scriptural lessons ; seven of the scholars have confessed their faith during the year ; the C. E. Society is doing good service, which is gratefully appreciated by the pastor ; the Ladies' Aid Society has increased its membership. We cannot speak too highly of the noble and successful efforts made by the devout women of our church to advance the interests of our beloved Zion. Thus the good work is advancing, for which we give God the praise, and to Him be all the glory.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The licentiate, Winfred R. Ackert, was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie and ordained to the Gospel Ministry, May 28th, 1895, for the purpose of engaging in mission work within the bounds of the New Durham congregation.

Frederick Kern was deposed from the ministry, November 25, 1895.

The Rev. Edward G. Ackerman was received from the Classis of Hudson, April 14, 1896.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. I. SHEPARD,
CHAS. S. WRIGHT.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

The South Classis of Bergen is constituted by a little family group of only twelve churches through whose efforts we are trying to hold for the Lord Jesus Christ, in the name of the Reformed Church in America, the neighboring cities of Jersey City and Bayonne.

Several of our churches are working in discouraging fields, and against many difficulties ; that they have been able to sustain themselves is evidence of consecrated efforts on the part of pastors and consistories. Three of our churches have been vacant during a whole or part of the year, and their work has suffered in consequence. Taking all these facts into consideration the results of a year's work must be regarded as encouraging.

The visit of the Rev. B. Fay Mills to Bayonne was greatly blessed, and the First Church of Bayonne, as will appear in their report, has reaped a bountiful harvest of souls, in which we all heartily rejoice.

A peculiarity of our work is that in one-third of our churches the ministrations are in the German language.

A review of the statistics shows no marked changes in any of the columns. The First Church of Bayonne advances to the first place among the churches, and leads the roll in census of families, communicants, and Sabbath-school enrollment. Three churches report a revision of the roll of members.

The standards by which the number of catechumens and baptized non-communicants has been ascertained appears to be variable, and no reliance can be put upon the figures as reported.

The financial statements show a slight advance in every department.

The Church of Bergen reports : While additions to the church on confession of faith have not been as large as in former years, our losses have been unusually large. After a revision of the roll of membership the report shows a smaller number than last year.

The First Church of Bayonne sings a pæan of praise : " Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name." A series of union prayer-meetings which quickened the spiritual life of all the churches in the community, led to a week's evangelistic meetings led by Rev. B. Fay Mills, during the early part of October. The entire city seemed to be moved, and the results have been most gratifying. There have been received on confession of faith 113, by certificate 41. The large majority of these are heads of families. We cannot but face the future with greater confidence, recognizing larger opportunities, anticipating greater blessings, and purposing to do greater things for God.

Wayne Street, Jersey City, makes no report beyond the statistical tables. These show a liberal spirit on the part of a heroic people, and the unbounded industry of those who are struggling to maintain an important church in the midst of disadvantageous environment.

Free, Jersey City.—During part of the year the church has been without a pastor. Divine service has however been held twice on each

Lord's day, and the means provided by the people. The Rev. A. A. Zabriskie has been engaged as temporary supply, but a meeting of the congregation will be held at an early date for the purpose of calling a pastor. The members have resolved to continue the work with renewed vigor.

Third, Bayonne, stands about where it did last year, with a hopeful outlook.

Bergen Point reports: "The services of the church have been attended with commendable regularity and fidelity; the membership has been largely increased, and a spirit of harmony has prevailed. The church deplores the loss of a beloved elder, Charles A. Robinson. The losses by death and removal during the last few years has thrown the burden of the church on those who remain, which burden has been cheerfully borne.

Lafayette reports: In spite of losses by change of residence and death, the Lafayette church has maintained all its departments of christian work, and the people have faithfully striven to meet the various needs.

Greenville has been vacant during the whole year. The pulpit has been filled by candidates and supplies. Their report contains nothing beyond the usual statistics, which are, on the whole, encouraging.

South Bergen has passed through one of the most trying periods in its history, yet has been brought through the fiery trial, if not unscathed, at least united and victorious. "The discharge of indebtedness for church erection continues to demand our most earnest efforts and our greatest self-sacrifice. Our church property has cost over \$43,000, and the indebtedness is \$26,000. Could we secure the removal of the floating debt we would have no difficulty in carrying and cancelling the main mortgage."

First German, Evangelical, makes no report, and your Committee has entered so far as has seemed just, the figures from last year's report. This church found it necessary early in the year, to unite with the Rev. Julius Feicke in a request for dissolution of the pastoral relation. The Rev. R. W. Conradi who was engaged as stated supply pending the formal call to the pastorate, died before the way was opened for a call. These successive changes have somewhat disorganized the work, which we hope may be resumed with new vigor under the new pastor.

St. John's German Evangelical.—No report is made beyond the statistics. These show that the church is in a prosperous condition.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The relation between the Rev. Charles L. Clist and the Free Church of Jersey City, was on the 8th of October,

1895, dissolved. The Rev. C. L. Clist remains a member of Classis without charge.

The Rev. R. W. Conradi, a minister of the Evangelical Synod of North America, who by permission of Classis was acting as Stated Supply for the First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City, died in December, 1895.

The Rev. Julius Feicke, a minister without charge, was suspended from the ministry on the 13th day of January, 1896.

CORNELIUS BRETT,

P. D. VAN CLEEF,

W. M. IMBRIE.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Your Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to submit the following report :

So far as we can judge from the reports from the churches, the outlook may be said to be fairly encouraging. Gains have been made in some directions, losses in others. Compared with last year's report the number of families remains about the same, while the number of communicants has decreased by eight. The accessions keep pace with those of last year, notwithstanding two of our churches report large additions through blessed revival influences. The stringency of the times which pervaded the tone of many of the reports is seen by a considerable decrease in benevolent contributions but, strange to say, the gifts for other objects and for congregational purposes show a slight increase.

Either suspension has become a dead letter or we are a well behaved lot of people, for no church so far as reported has enforced this rule. Births among our members must be very few, for scarcely one family in twenty has presented an infant for baptism, or perchance this custom is declining and adult baptism supplanting it, for these two columns are about equal in enumeration. But enough, let the churches speak for themselves :

First, Freehold.—"The past year has been marked by both increase and decrease ; increase in numbers and decrease in finances." It rejoices over the fact that a quiet and very fruitful work of grace was carried on through the winter, especially through pastoral visitation, resulting in the accession of thirty-one to the church. The subject of missions has been kept prominent by the visitation of missionaries and other means ; contributions have been made to all the boards of

the church and considerable has been given to other objects ; the tone of the whole report is hopeful.

Holmdel.—We report a year of average prosperity. Owing to a pruning process of the church roll and loss of many by death and removal, the number of families and communicants falls considerably behind last year's enumeration. A week of self-denial was observed with encouraging result, the amount contributed being divided equally between the two Boards. The envelope system for raising money for church expenditures has more than fulfilled our highest expectations, enabling us to close the year with a comfortable balance in the treasury. Evangelistic services were held for ten days under conduct of Rev. Arthur J. Smith, which resulted in deepening and quickening the whole spiritual life of the church, and making us to report eighteen persons received upon confession of their faith. Harmony and unity prevail.

Spotswood.—Sends statistical table only. The church has passed through great trials, but has the promise of hope and a new lease of life under the present arrangement with Rev. J. O. Bayles as stated supply.

Middletown.—"A year of quiet progress and fruitage." Gifts for benevolence have increased in the last year. A new pipe organ and the church hymnary have been introduced. Fresh interest was awakened in missions by the recent meeting of the Monmouth Classical Missionary Union in their church. All organizations are in a healthy and live condition. Offerings have been taken for all the boards and funds of the church.

Second, Freehold.—"The year has passed without special interest." Addition to membership is below the average ; losses have been few ; there is a small net gain ; all organizations are in a healthy condition ; there is an increase in benevolence over last year ; simultaneous prayer-meetings have been held in districts outside of town with encouraging results ; the church edifice has been painted, and the property is in good repair. Our prayer is that God would build and beautify the spiritual house.

Keyport.—Nothing of great interest to report. The church has gone along in the even tenor of its way ; the congregation is growing ; the Sunday-school and Junior Endeavor Society are in a flourishing condition ; a Ladies' Missionary Society, the first in the history of the church, has been formed ; the financial stress is severe ; all receipts are less than last year ; the members are resolute and active ; hope still dawns.

Long Branch.—The past year has been one of quiet growth, not so

much shown in additions, but in deepening conviction and preparation; the prayer-meetings are well attended; the Sunday-school is prosperous; the Christian Endeavor Society has been reorganized and is in active work; the financial struggle has been severe; offerings to benevolent objects are less than last year.

Colts Neck.—We report gratifying progress in all the financial operations of the church, being greatly in excess of last year; but we deplore the absence of the Holy Spirit in His quickening and converting power; services have been well attended; the spirit of harmony and peace prevails in all departments; there has been only a small increase of membership.

Highlands.—There has been no considerable advance numerically, but we rejoice in a feeling of deep spirituality; we are encouraged to go on.

Asbury Park.—Owing to changes in the pastorate no accurate and complete statistics can be given. The church feels deeply the loss of their beloved pastor, Dr. E. C. Scudder, but rejoices in the advent of his most worthy successor; the church has already taken on new life; Sabbath audiences are large; the membership is growing; the Sabbath-school and Christian Endeavor Society are well sustained; the people are in harmony and a large blessing is looked for.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The pastoral relation existing between the church of Spotswood and Rev. W. H. VanDoren was dissolved, taking effect June 12, 1895.

Classis also dissolved the pastoral relation between the church of Asbury Park and Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D., to take effect November 1, 1895.

Rev. John Owen Bayles will be installed as pastor of the church of Spotswood on May 6, 1896.

Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D., died at San Antonio, Texas, on January 31, 1896.

GARRETT WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion:

Your committee respectfully reports that cheering statements are received from all the churches. The statistical reports show development in all departments of our field. Improvements made have increased the value of church property; the roll of membership has been enlarged by those seeking the way of life; the Sabbath-schools and Christian Endeavor Societies are all in good working order. A feature

pleasing and worthy of notice is that the amount contributed to the benevolent work of our church largely exceeds that of last year, being an advance of fully one hundred per cent. The evident presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our churches calls for humble gratitude on our part to the great Head of the Church.

The following summary from the various reports reveal their own story of life and growth.

Belleville.—The past year has been fully up to the average in spiritual blessings. The interest in the Sunday and prayer-meeting services has steadily increased, the pleasing feature being the attendance of young men and women. A Sunday-school chapel costing \$8,000 has been erected during the year which enables us to carry on the work of the church in all its branches with greater profit and ease.

First, Newark.—Statistical report only.

Irvington.—The past year has been one of many difficulties, but the church holds its own and grows.

New York Avenue.—We are grateful for the blessing which the year has brought us. A debt of \$13,000, long a burden upon the resources of the church, has been paid off. One-half of this sum was a generous and timely gift of Elder J. S. Mundy, formerly of this church. The church now goes forward in the Master's work.

Franklin.—Steady continuance in well doing marks the close of our first financial year under self-support. With plans for systematic giving the contributions to the Boards have all increased. Attendance on the stated services is encouraging.

North, Newark.—We gratefully report a year of marked growth in the history of our church. There has been a number of accessions to the membership. A pleasing feature worthy of note, is that the contributions to the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions exceed the amount spent for congregational purposes.

West, Newark.—With thanks to Jesus Christ our Lord, we report our church in good condition. The services are all well attended and the societies of the church earnestly at work. A new pipe organ has been purchased and the indications are promising.

Clinton Avenue.—The Clinton Avenue church expresses gratitude to God for another year of prosperity; the membership has been largely increased; the pew subscriptions cover all the running expenses; contributions to the Boards and other benevolent work show a large increase. The Hope chapel maintains a flourishing Sabbath-school and cottage prayer-meeting; a monthly church paper is issued by the Press Committee of the C. E.

Trinity, Newark.—The year closes with promise; we labor under

many difficulties but the outlook is hopeful and work goes on with the blessing of God.

Linden.—Statistical table only.

Christ, Woodside.—Efforts have been made to promote improvement in every department of church work ; the indications are for the future promising.

Orange.—The year has been filled with the quiet and peaceful presence of the Holy Spirit, and all departments of church work have been sustained with vigor and interest.

Trinity, Plainfield.—The year marks an increase in the number of families and communicants and a considerable advance upon the contributions of last year for the Boards of the church ; the societies of the church are all in good working order. Encouraged by the goodness of God in the past, we look hopefully to Him for present and future blessings.

German, Plainfield.—Notwithstanding hard times our church has held its own and made some progress ; a new parsonage, valued at \$4,000 has been built ; we are grateful to God for His care, and trust that the coming year will be to the prosperity of Christ's cause.

Albert D. Baldwin, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary was examined and licensed to preach the gospel, June 21st, 1895.

J. N. MORRIS, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Committee respectfully reports : In spite of the prevalent financial depression, the year has been one of more than average prosperity ; there has been an increase in the contributions to the Boards of the church ; all the churches record evidences of special growth and blessing ; a thankful, hopeful spirit pervades all the reports ; nearly every church has had an accession to its membership ; In some cases the accession is very large ; all of the churches speak of increased interest in the Sunday-school and young people's societies. This is a very hopeful sign. The following points of interest from the reports of the churches are noted :

First, New Brunswick.—Rejoices in the conversion of souls, the ability to discharge every legal function, and the maintenance of the spirit of missions and personal responsibility ; they have purchased a new parsonage, in a quieter and pleasanter neighborhood, which is a great relief to the pastor and his family.

The Church of Six Mile Run reports that all services of the church and societies have been well sustained ; that the year has been marked

by no special features ; that a debt has been removed, and, in spite of the financial depression, the benevolent gifts have not been greatly lessened.

The Church of Hillsborough reports, with thankfulness, a decided advance in all lines of work. The benevolent contributions are larger than last year ; there has been greater spiritual activity and more faithfulness to church service ; as a result, many have been born again by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Church of Middlebush mourns over the death of some of its best members. It rejoices over the new interest in the Sunday-school and among the young people ; it is thankful that its benevolence is nearly equal to that of last year.

The Church of Griggstown reports a quiet and steady growth ; it mourns the loss of many valuable members ; the financial depression has told on the benevolent contributions ; it also rejoices in the great interest among the young, and thanks the different Ladies' Societies for their valued help.

Second, New Brunswick, reports unusually few changes by either admission or dismissal ; allowing for gifts last year for the new chapel, there is a decided financial increase in gifts for both benevolent and congregational purposes ; the usual activities of the church have been sustained.

The Church at Bound Brook has sent only its statistical report, which shows a slight decrease along nearly all lines of work.

Third, New Brunswick, shows a slight decrease from last year's report.

The Church at East Millstone reports that its financial condition was never so satisfactory as now ; while there have been heavy demands, they have all been met, and there is no debt ; last October they celebrated their fortieth anniversary ; they pray for increased spiritual interest and more personal consecration.

* *The Church of Metuchen* reports the regular services well attended, and its spiritual life sustained ; they have lost one of their most faithful Elders ; they look to God for help, and will go on praying and working, depending on Him for results.

Suydam Street Church reports a great increase along all lines of work ; in additions, church membership, Sunday-school, in gifts for benevolent and congregational purposes ; an effort is being made to reduce the debt on the parsonage ; a fair sum is already raised and it is hoped that soon there will be a decided reduction.

The Church of Highland Park makes a strong appeal for a new church edifice ; it forcibly states the need for a new building and

shows the excellent missionary work that has been done the past year.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. John O. Bayles has been received from the New York Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and dismissed to the Classis of Monmouth, within whose bounds he has accepted a call. The pastoral relation between the church at Bound Brook and the Rev. Albert L. Mershon has been dissolved, and he has been dismissed to the Classis of Raritan, within whose bounds he has accepted a call. The Rev. Charles T. Anderson has been received from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and arrangements made for his installation over the church at Bound Brook. The Rev. John B. Thompson has been released from the charge of the church of Highland Park, the same to take effect August next.

ALAN D. CAMPBELL,

G. M. S. BLAUVELT,

WM. H. AYRES,

Committee.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

It would appear from the returns in hand at the writing of this report that upon the whole our churches have enjoyed, during the year, a good degree of prosperity. Notwithstanding the continued and trying effects of the general depression in business, our ordinary contributions for congregational purposes have not varied materially from those of last year; this, in the circumstances, is a very practical and cheerful evidence of the light in which the matter of church support is regarded by our people.

In denominational benevolence we stand about the same as last year; and in gifts for other objects, as nearly as may be judged from the data received, about \$1,000 better.

The figures relative to infant baptism suggest a line of thought which cannot be followed out in this report, but which is respectfully commended to the attention of our churches. Are there not influences at work tending to make many christian parents oblivious to the duty and privilege of dedicating their children to God, in baptism? And if this be true, or in so far as it is true, does it not emphasize the duty of Consistories and Ministers to urge upon those who *need* to be so urged, what we believe to be the law of Christ in this matter?

Your Committee is not in a position to speak intelligently as to the relative number of young children in American families, as compared with those of Holland birth or immediate descent. But unless the dis-

proportion be great, our Dutch speaking churches set us an example in the matter of infant baptism, which is worthy of commendation and imitation.

Your Committee does not believe that mere numerical increase is the only or the best test of the church's growth or usefulness. Edification is as important as evangelization. Many a church may be growing in grace, which for some reason, temporary or otherwise, is not growing in numbers. There are times and seasons for especially large ingathering. The ministers and the churches that are *faithful*, are the ministers and churches which, in God's sight, are *successful*. Still numbers are a factor to be considered; and while, except in one or possibly two instances, there does not appear to have been what is termed a revival season in our churches, it is none the less a matter of profound joy and thanksgiving to God that 232 precious souls have been led to confess their faith in the Redeemer during the past year.

We submit the following messages from the several churches:

Acquackanonck records the close of the lengthy and successful pastorate of the Rev. John Gaston, D.D., who served the church for the exceptionally long period of twenty-six years; and the calling and installation of that brother beloved in the Lord, the Rev. A. Vennema, whose energy is manifesting itself in the aroused life of the church, and in increased attendance upon the church services.

Centreville rejoices in quiet growth, and increased interest in the stated means of grace, the continued aid of the founder and friend of the church, Mr. Hugh Cheyne, and the hopeful prospect that through the coming of new families into the place, the church will, in the not distant future, become self-supporting.

Clarkstown regrets the weakening of the congregation, numerically and financially, through death and removal, but takes comfort in continued interest, and the evidence of religious life among God's people.

Clifton is in the transition state incident to new churches in suburban places, but is steadily gaining numerically and it is believed spiritually; the Sabbath attendance shows a marked increase for the year, and nineteen in all have been received into membership during that period.

Garfield says, "There have been no noteworthy happenings during the year," but records an increase in benevolence for denominational objects, due to the greater activity of its Christian Endeavor Society.

Glen Rock, a new comer, and a welcome one, is without a pastor, and sends no greeting other than a *figurative* one.

Hawthorne has not been allowed to occupy its field without competi-

tion. An Episcopal mission has recently been organized at or near the place, and has drawn from both the Sunday-school and congregation.

The First Holland of Lodi rejoices in a year of peace and material prosperity, and in the spiritual results attending the labors of Evangelist J. H. Hoonte, 19 having been added on confession and 11 by certificate.

Lodi, Second, speaks of losses sustained by reason of removal and financial depression, but notes an increase of liberality in reference to missions, a larger number contributing than in previous years.

Nyack testifies of a year of continued diligence along all lines of the church's activity. The Sunday-school and the Junior Endeavor Society have been especially helpful; the losses by death and dismission have been balanced by the number received by letter, leaving the fourteen uniting on confession as gain over the number reported last year.

Paramus has witnessed a year of great labor, with apparently considerable religious earnestness; the ladies of the church have shown increased zeal both in missionary and other activities.

Pascack thanks God for the blessings of the past year; notes the fact that eight have been received on confession, and that christians have been strengthened in the faith, and prays and looks for greater manifestations of the Spirit's presence.

Passaic, First Holland, sends no report other than that contained in its statistics.

Passaic, North.—Not heard from at the time of the writing of this report.

Paterson, Broadway, speaks of the settlement of the new pastor, and the unanimity attending the call on the same, and rejoices in the perfect harmony and good feeling which prevails among the people; its financial condition is better than for years past, and the outlook, on the whole, is very encouraging.

Paterson, First Holland, says: "It is with sincere gratitude to God that we report a year of unbroken peace and steady prosperity; we have especial reason to feel encouraged by the evidence of the Spirit's power in drawing our members into closer fellowship, and increasing their consecration to the cause of Christ."

Paterson, North, now has a pastor who divides his labors between this field and that of Hawthorne. In the former case as already noticed in the latter, he suffers from competition, a Methodist church having been organized during the year, at North Paterson.

Paterson, Second, sends word that the past year has been one of ordinary blessing, a fulfillment of the Lord's promise to give his people peace and prosperity.

Piermont adds no remarks to its statistical report.

Ramapo announces a year of steady growth along all the lines of christian work ; a new Sunday-school room has been built and furnished at a cost of about \$1,500. "The prospects for the future look bright."

Ridgewood says : "Our church was never in a more prosperous condition, generally considered ; a delightful spirit of unity prevails ; the services have been unusually well attended ; the additions to our membership are gratifying, if not large."

Saddle River notes the organization of a Y. P. S. C. E. within the year, and adds : "This has been a year of gain in financial strength for us, not only for congregational purposes but also for benevolence."

Spring Valley speaks of the usual difficulties and short-comings and transgressions incident to christian warfare, but records the continuous operation of the several societies connected with the church, and an increase in both the numbers and gifts of the Woman's Christian Association.

Tappan bears witness to the mercy of the Heavenly Father in giving the congregation the strength and the will to work, and confidently leaves results to Him to whom alone they belong. Some of these results are already apparent in the 21 received on confession and 8 by letter.

Warwick tells a story of continued prosperity in material and in spiritual things ; union evangelistic services were held in the village in December last ; the most apparent results of these meetings have been seen, not in large accessions to the church, but in the spiritual life of those already members and in a true consecration to God's service ; the church, however, was blessed by additions through, at least in part, the agency of these services.

West New Hempstead speaks of work quietly done, without any apparent result in increase of membership, but still with some evidences of the Spirit's presence.

Wortendyke mentions losses sustained by reason of the removal of many families in search of work, but rejoices in the continued operation of the means of grace, and the hope that maketh not ashamed.

Ministerial Changes.—June 3, 1895, the licentiate, Garret M. Conover was received from the Classis of Raritan and June 11th ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the churches of North Paterson and Hawthorne, N. J. October 8th, 1895, the Rev. John Gaston, pastor of the church at Acquackanonck, Passaic, N. J., was declared *pastor emeritus*.

Dec. 20, 1895, the Rev. Ame Vennema was received from the Classis of Orange and installed pastor of the church of Acquackanonck, Passaic, N. J. At the same date the Rev. Elias W. Thompson was received from the Classis of Philadelphia, and Jan'y 14th, was installed pastor of the Broadway Reformed Church, Paterson, N. J.

April 14, 1896, the Rev. Arthur Spaulding was dismissed to the Presbytery of Binghamton.

Deaths.—The Rev. J. H. Duryea, D.D., Pastor Emeritus of the Second Church of Paterson, entered into rest August 7, 1895, after long and faithful service, beloved and mourned by all. The Rev. W. M. C. Jacobs, pastor of the First Holland Church, of Passaic, was called to his heavenly home after a comparatively brief but most consecrated and fruitful service in the cause of his Divine Master.

Respectfully submitted,

G. BIRDSALL, *Chairman.*

ALBERT A. KING,

J. W. MELONEY.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows: First, an abstract of the reports of the several churches:

Boardville.—No report.

Boonton.—The ordinances have been maintained as usual; the Sabbath-school is in healthy working order; the customary work of the church has been carried forward with encouraging results; all of the organizations within the church, as the C. E. Society, the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Ladies' Aid Society have been efficient in service; the year has been one of peace and good will.

Fairfield.—Vacant for a few months; again rejoices in a stated supply and reports an increasing interest in spiritual things; a series of extra services resulted in five conversions, with the promise that others will soon decide for Christ; all branches of church work are fairly well sustained.

First, Little Falls.—Reports a large increase in benevolent contributions; a growing interest in the Sunday-school, manifest in increasing numbers and effectiveness. Notes also the growing interest of the young men in the church and its work and speaks of those who have given their young manhood to Christ and are taking an active part in His service.

Second, Little Falls.—No report.

Montville.—Reports the maintenance of the usual ordinances of the Lord's house, throughout the year ; while there has been no special interest and but few accessions, yet there has been thoughtful attention to the preached word ; God's people have been brought nearer to Him and others have been led to ponder on the error of their ways ; God in His providence has not left this people long without an under-shepherd, for shortly after the resignation of Rev. Luckenbill, He sent them another who awaits the action of Classis to install him at an early day.

Sixth, Holland.—Sends statistical report only.

People's Park gratefully makes mention of God's goodness in working upon the hearts of the people, who have met all obligations and expenses ; they speak of peace within their borders ; but their greatest desire and earnest prayer is for the conversion of souls.

Pompton.—The year has been one of blessing ; there has not only been a pleasing increase in the membership, but there is also a spirit of earnestness and activity along all lines of christian work, which denotes a healthful spiritual condition ; while in benevolence there has been more done this year than in any one of the past five years. With an attendance that is encouraging they thank God and go forward.

Pompton Plains, sends statistics only.

Ponds finds reason for gratitude on account of the following considerations : The treasurer has a comfortable balance in hand and all obligations met ; increased attendance at Sabbath services ; more interest in benevolence and an increase of membership.

Preakness rejoices in advance all along the line. An increase in membership, benevolence and christian activity. Beginning with the week of prayer extra services were held with good results. Special mention is made of the great help of the Y. P. S. C. E. A new life and energy has been infused, and one of the results is the resuscitation of a Sunday-school that has laid dormant for four years. Their special prayer is for a deeper spiritual life among the entire membership.

Riverside speaks of progress. Sabbath audiences all that could be desired with present accommodations. Sunday-school increasing in numbers and efficiency ; the Ladies' Aid Society rendering valued service ; the Y. P. S. C. E. training the young for active service for Christ and the Church. Financially they have met all obligations and cancelled a floating indebtedness. Prayer meetings well attended and an abiding interest. God's presence felt in reviving the membership and in the awaking and saving of sinners. The future is bright with promise as the past is full of blessing.

First Totowa is healthy and hopeful. The year has been one of

peculiar trial. Pastor and people were separated for nearly six months by a threatening illness, yet the waves did not overflow nor the work stop. The Spirit of the Lord has been manifest throughout the year. New and extended lines of work are being adopted, and the spirit of harmonious effort is the marked characteristic of this people.

Union Reformed has enjoyed another year of gospel blessing. The Lord has fulfilled His promise "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." Some that were averse to the gospel now hear it gladly. They mention with sorrow the serious illness, with no hope of recovery, of Elder F. Badilaar, who has served with acceptance in the eldership of the church ever since its organization. But they find comfort in the thought that when God took Moses he raised up a Joshua to take his place.

Wyckoff.—The ministrations of the Gospel have been regularly maintained. Peace and harmony prevail. The attention and attendance are good. Benevolent work a little in advance of last year. The erection of a chapel is begun, to cost about \$2,000. On spiritual lines their fondest hopes have been disappointed. Their hearts burned and yearned in a series of evangelistic services, but the results were not what they hoped and prayed for. But they find comfort in the thought that there is a time to sow and a time to reap.

From the foregoing and the appended statistics your Committee reports to the Classis that its churches show health and prosperity. While no mention is made of large ingatherings, all have had accessions both on confession and by certificate. No word of complaint is heard within our borders. Peace prevails and the word is heard with gladness. In comparison with last year we find we have an increase of 32 families to our census. While the increase is not as large as last year both on confession and by letter, still the dismissals have been less, and there is a gain of 95 to the total membership of the churches.

The spirit of benevolence is manifest in the fact that while a falling off is shown in at least one of our larger churches, the smaller ones have increased their contributions, so that we report a gain of \$230.10 over that of last year. In other objects of benevolence as well as congregational, there is a decrease.

From a review of the year closing we find abundant encouragement for an abiding trust in our covenant keeping God, and we urge fidelity for the time to come, knowing that our labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. CHURCH, *Chairman*,
THOMAS POWELL VERNOLL,
G. PLANTEN.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Rev. Geo. A. Luckinbill's pastoral relations with Montville church was dissolved Dec. 1st, 1895.

Rev. A. Mattice, of Classis of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Rev. Geo. H. Peeke, of Cleveland Congregational Conference, O., were received as members of this classical body at Spring meeting of Classis, April 14th, 1896.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

Report of Committee on State of Religion :

The year has been one of general prosperity. There has been an increase in families over last year of 106 ; reception by confession, 80 ; by certificate, 64 ; in Sabbath-school enrollment, 366 ; there has been an increase in benevolence of \$1,293.00.

The reports from the various churches of the Classis give us some idea of their condition and promise.

North and South Hampton.—The work in all departments has gone on unhindered, and the visible results encourage and stimulate continuance in well doing.

Harlingen sees many tokens that the work of the year has not been in vain ; the services have been well attended and perfect harmony has prevailed. Contributions for religious and benevolent purposes as well as those for the maintenance of the church, are in excess of last year.

Neshanic claims to be in a normal state. As the statistical table is so full of evidence, the church is to be congratulated in maintaining such a marked spiritual state.

First, Philadelphia, is in a transitional period. Leaving her former field, occupied for so many years, she sought a field where her activities were more urgently called for. This transfer was effected during the early part of the present year in harmonious and united effort. A transitional period is a critical one in the history of any church. May the blessing of the Divine Head of the church rest upon her.

Second, Philadelphia, mourns the death of her devoted and much prized pastor, but is assured that she is in a progressive condition. The field has much promise.

Fourth, Philadelphia shows a marked increase in membership, and evidently is in a prosperous condition.

Blawenburgh is full of hope, assured that the fuller harvest time is in the immediate future.

Stanton expresses strong gratitude to God for the mercies of the year. Although she has been without a pastor, yet through the labors

of the clergy of this Classis, and the activities of the Christian Endeavor Society, the presence of the Spirit has been secured. She expects soon to secure a spiritual leader. She is to be commended for depending upon "the voluntary contributions of the people to support the gospel for its worth."

Clover Hill seems to be holding her own not only, but to be advancing along the line. There has been a marked increase in her religious benevolence over that of last year. He who "sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully."

Rocky Hill seems to be well satisfied with all her organized boards. Judging from the statistics which show a gathering in of souls and an increase of religious benevolence, she has reason for this satisfaction. Her secular activities have resulted in the renovation of church and furniture.

Fifth, Philadelphia, has been able to respond to the financial calls made upon her, which have been extra in their amount, and also to increase her benevolent gifts. She has maintained two Sabbath evening services in English each month since December, and also to conduct her C. E. meetings in English for the full year. Such efforts are wise and should receive encouragement. There has been a marked increase in the membership of the church through baptism, the record showing that forty infants have been baptized during the year. The sixteenth anniversary of the present pastorate was celebrated during the year in a way very gratifying to both pastor and people.

Addisville shows evidence of activity and of the Spirit's presence. She hopes that the long looked for abundant harvest is in the immediate future. Harmony prevails.

Three Bridges has enjoyed a year of harmonious activity, resulting in blessed privileges. Sinners have been converted and saints quickened. \$700 of a debt of \$1,500 have been cancelled during the year. The future is recognized as full of promise.

Talmage Memorial is still advancing. There has been an increase in the number of her families, in membership, and in religious benevolence.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—On May 24th the Rev. Elias W. Thompson was received by certificate from the Classis of Illinois. On the same date the Rev. P. J. Kain was, after due examination, licensed by certificate from the Wyoming Association of Congregational churches of the State of Pennsylvania, and installed over the Fourth Church of Philadelphia.

On Dec. 20th, the Rev. Elias W. Thompson was dismissed to the Classis of Paramus, in order to become pastor of the Broadway Re-

ned Church of Paterson, N. J. On Dec. 20th the Rev. William H. cy, pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia, received all from the "church triumphant," and entered upon his full activities and fuller rewards.

On April 14, 1896, the Rev. W. J. Skillman, by the joint request of tor and consistory, had his official relation to the Talmage Memorial Church dissolved.

On April 14, 1896, the South Philadelphia Church, an independent organization, was received into the Classis. On the same date the v. Joseph Duckworth was after examination in regard to his theological belief, and presentation of his certificate of ordination, upon signing the formula, received into the ministerial membership of this ly.

S. O. LAWSING, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion within our bounds would report as follows :

That in the kind providence of God during the past year ; the lives brethren in the ministry in this Classis have been spared and their ours have been blessed with a reasonable degree of prosperity both in ritual and temporal matters, with peace and good will pervading all churches. We have one exception to record, viz : our esteemed brother, the Rev. Abram N. Wyckoff, of Bedminster, who was called, as trust, to the service of God in heaven ; after a protracted illness, he d on May 10th, 1895, in the full enjoyment of christian hope, and whose death we feel that the church has been deprived of the service one, who was truly devoted to the promotion of her interests. The gregations generally, as will appear from the reports, have received sessions to their numbers ; and while some have suffered from removals and deaths, yet what may be regarded as loss to one, may be in to the cause of the Master in other parts of His vineyard. The following is a summary of the consistorial reports of the urches.

The Church of Rockaway simply reports statistics.

First Raritan.—Report indicates a prosperous condition of the urch ; the additions have exceeded the numbers lost by removals d deaths by 16 ; the work and worship of the church has been maintained in every department of its life ; we have again increased our fts for missions both foreign and domestic, remembering as well the her benevolences of the church ; have enlarged and improved our

chapel and given out the contract for a new house of worship; and close the year with a sense of profound gratitude to God.

Readington Church.—Reports that the past year has been one of peculiar trial for the church, owing to the financial stringency of the times and the removal of several prominent families by change of residence and death, materially impairing the strength of the congregation and affecting the benevolent contributions for the year; otherwise the year has been one of interest and the spiritual work of the church has prospered; a series of meetings held in one of the outlying districts by the pastor during the month of February, was signally blessed by the Spirit to the conversion of souls.

The Church of Bedminster reports that the past year has been one of uninterrupted activity and progress; all the services of the church have been faithfully maintained; our benevolent offerings have been up to the usual standard; respecting our Mission Boards our aim has been to reach an average of one dollar per member for each Board; during the past year our congregation has suffered a severe loss in the death of Rev. A. N. Wyckoff, a retired pastor, who had his home in our midst; the work of the young people has been prosperously maintained and we expect before our next report to be worshipping in a new edifice which is liberally subscribed for by the people.

The Church of Lebanon reports that the year has been one of quiet prosperity; the regular Sabbath and mid-week services have been remarkably well attended. The interest in every phase of church work has been most commendable. The death record has been unusually large, and that of some of the most efficient workers. The additions to the church about equals the deaths and dismissals. The contributions to missions fall short of expectations notwithstanding the most earnest efforts to do better. Yet with gratitude to God for all that He has done for us, and with hope in his name, we still press our way onward.

North Branch reports that the past year has been one of hard and faithful work, with much encouragement from the attendance on church services and prayer meetings, and liberality in providing for home church expenses and for benevolent operations abroad. Besides, we are cherishing the hope of spiritual increase from the precious seed of the word, because of the promise that we shall yet come "with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us." Our prayer is that God may abundantly bless the provision of His house with temporal and spiritual increase.

The Second Church of Raritan reports as follows: We have been blessed both spiritually and temporally the past year. Our church

ices and prayer meetings have been well attended, and more than 1 interest has been manifested in them. Our Sunday-school has considerably increased in numbers, and already crowds our chapel accommodations. A home department has been undertaken by the col. We have made a net increase of 15 in our roll of communists in spite of unusual mortality and dismissals. All departments church work are conducted with energy and efficiency. We have ely increased our gifts to denominational objects, chiefly to home foreign missions ; to the latter exceeding our apportionment bes \$357 towards the liquidation of the debt of that Board. Towards debt of the Home Board will be given in next year's report. Mean-e all congregational expenses have been paid, leaving a balance of in the treasury. Besides, the church debt has been reduced by 00, and subscriptions and real estate sufficient to discharge all lities in due time.

he Church of Peapack reports to be in a prosperous condition, with irit of harmony and christian fellowship existing among the mem-. The different societies connected with the church are in good lition and active in promoting her interests both at home and ad. The Sabbath services are well attended, and a goodly interest ie preaching of the word and in other means of grace is manifested. labor on in faith, our purpose and hope being that under the influ- of the Holy Spirit the followers of Christ may be built up and blished more and more, and that those out of Christ may be won ie service of our Divine Master.

uth Branch presents a favorable report for the year. Although losses by dismissals and death have been unusually large, yet e has been an actual increase in the membership. And while e has been no unusual interest in religious matters, still the power ie Spirit of God has been manifested in leading some to the Sav-, and in the continued faith, hope and charity of those who are His. finances are in a good condition. Altogether it has been a year of sperity and blessing, for which we are grateful to God.

third, Raritan, reports favorably as follows : " We believe that by means of grace young and old have grown in the divine life. Our ng people's society of Christian Endeavor has continued to be a o to our young people, and a junior society has recently been organ-. We are endeavoring to increase the efficiency of our Sunday-col by having the scholars commit more of the word of God to nory. To that end certain requirements are asked of the scholars, h as certain verses and chapters of the Bible from the primary mem-s before entering the junior ; and from the junior before entering

the senior ; and the seniors to receive a Bible when they have met certain requirements, &c. Financially the report is good, a debt of \$1,460 being paid, and benevolent offerings increased to about \$100 more than last year.

Church of Pottersville reports a year of good progress. Her services well attended ; prayer meetings not only in the church but in neighboring districts, and the interest manifested has been highly encouraging. During the year the entire indebtedness of the church has been paid off. This was done at the cost of not a little sacrifice, but all readily, cheerfully and loyally bearing their share of what was a heavy burden. The contributions to the Boards have also been increased, and the church enters upon a new year with hope and faith.

The Church of High Bridge has shared in the general advance of all the churches in this Classis. It has been active and progressive in every department of church work. All the members took a lively interest in the welfare of the congregation, and in the spiritual interests of the community, in the Sunday-school and the prayer meetings. There has been an increase in the number of families and in the contributions to congregational objects.

The Church of Annandale reports as follows : That during the greater part of the past year we have been supplied regularly by Rev. A. McWilliam, whose services were enjoyed by us. On the Sabbaths the attendance on the preaching was encouraging. The prayer meeting, the Sunday-school and young people's C. E. society are all in healthful and good working condition, for which we are grateful to the Head of the Church, and pray that He may bless us yet more and more, and rejoice our hearts by giving us to see many of such as shall be saved convinced, converted and added to the church. A call is now ready to be presented to the Rev. A. L. Mershon to become our pastor, whose acceptance and installation will be noticed in next year's report.

The Fourth Church of Raritan, (German), reports that with the grace and help of God we have come through another year, and though we cannot boast of great victories gained, yet His grace has not been in vain. Our services have been well attended, and we enjoyed many manifestations of the Lord's holy presence. We have received eight new members on confession, and are encouraged with the prospect of receiving more very soon. Our building fund has accumulated to \$1,000, and in the coming year we shall make every effort to enlarge it ; and we pray to God that the coming year may bring us still greater blessings.

Ecclesiastical Changes have occurred as follows : On May 28th, 1895, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. B. C. Miller, Jr.,

and the church of Rockaway was dissolved. On May 28, 1895, Rev. A. McWilliam was received by certificate from the Classis of New Brunswick. On the same date John Albert Thurston was examined and licensed to preach the gospel, and dismissed to the Classis of Orange, N. Y. At the same time, (May 28, 1895), Garret M. Conover was examined and licensed to preach the gospel, and dismissed to the Classis of Paramus. October 31, 1895, Rev. Henry P. Lyman-Wheaton was received by certificate from the Classis of Ulster, and installed pastor over the Reformed church of Rockaway, N. J. October 8th, 1895, Rev. Joel Loucks was dismissed to the Classis of Montgomery, N. Y.



STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			Recd.	On Confession.			Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.			Congregational.
				On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.					Died.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.		Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		
First, Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	218	30	27	0	1	5	522	10	6	250	400	\$2,040 00	\$695 00	\$6,946 00	Hackensack, N. J.	
Schraalenburgh	George H. Cotton	95	9	13	6	6	6	128	4	3	.....	1	338 88	23 55	2,646 69	Schraalenburgh, N. J.
English Neighborhood	{ Isaac W. Gowen } { W. R. Ackert, } N. H. VanArsdale, s.s.	52	2	1	8	.....	69	1	0	.....	.....	1	23 00	.....	650 00	Ridgefield, N. J.
New Durham	J. Francis Morgan	200	49	9	6	7	465	46	8	227	.....	2	1,502 00	.....	4,276 00	Weehawken, N. J.
First, Hoboken	John Justin	440	2	3	9	.....	1,490	14	1	.....	50	1	.....	4 27	1,473 64	4-6 Warren st., N. Y. City
Park Ch., Jersey City	Arthur Johnson	175	18	15	.....	5	314	18	9	.....	1	300	232 20	29 33	4,144 73	281 Pavonia ave., J. City, N. J.
North Bergen	John Rudolph	170	15	.....	3	4	92	21	.....	.....	26	1	221 63	50 00	1,864 16	Weehawken, N. J.
Second, Hackensack	John Bombin	177	9	20	8	2	391	13	3	.....	.....	1	1,156 40	2,007 83	7,663 00	Hackensack, N. J.
German Ex., Hoboken	Henry Ward, (s. c.)	250	49	1	25	40	494	240	10	.....	359	2	159 16	748 00	5,900 00	248 Garden st., Hoboken, N. J.
Third, Hackensack	Artemus Dean	84	11	.....	3	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	5	1	2 87	6 00	900 00	Hackensack, N. J.
Closter	Wm. Manchec, (s. s.)	70	4	2	1	1	127	2	2	40	80	1	132 73	69 00	1,550 00	Closter, N. J.	
Palisades	Charles S. Wright	53	3	6	.....	1	63	5	.....	61	40	1	170 01	34 50	976 27	Fort Lee, N. J.
Guttenberg	Abram Duryee	330	28	1	.....	1	59	8	.....	250	250	1	38 30	5 25	687 50	Passaic, N. J.
Central, Jersey City	David M. Talmage	130	18	4	.....	2	217	15	2	.....	250	1	139 00	27 00	3,774 00	87 Bowers st., Jersey City, N. J.
Cherry Hill	John T. E. DeWitt	65	6	2	3	2	76	6	3	.....	75	1	81 25	24 86	2,815 65	Cherry Hill, N. J.
Secaucus	Charles I. Shepard	20	1	.....	.....	.....	20	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	230 00	Secaucus, N. J.
Spring Valley	David M. Talmage	70	1	.....	.....	.....	95	2	1	2	.....	1	45 00	2 47	222 96	Maywood, N. J.
Westwood	John T. E. DeWitt	65	7	5	.....	1	67	2	1	43	.....	1	214 54	102 64	1,431 08	Westwood, N. J.
Oradell	Charles I. Shepard	61	20	8	.....	2	67	3	3	25	100	1	225 40	81 40	1,932 00	Oradell, N. J.
Hasbrouck Heights	Total	1,945	251	133	90	1	3,364	467	58	668	1,348	22	\$6,751 50	\$3,975 10	\$51,157 25	Hasbrouck Heights, N. J.	

Other Ministers.—J. H. Ballagh, Tenafly, N. J.; Henry Mattice, Neperan, N. Y.; Edward G. Ackerman, Sparkill, N. Y.

Candidates.—Carl Kruse, Robert W. Blake.

* Revised list.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Rec'd.	On Confession.		On Certificate.	Dismissed.			Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.
				On Confession.	On Certificate.		Suspended.	Died.	Denomina- tional Objects.										Other Objects.		
Bergen.....	Cornelius Brett.....	322	6	25	17	19	582	31	3	200	450	3	785	\$9,267 53	509 Bergen ave., Jersey City						
First, Bayonne.....	Charles H. Jones.....	383	113	41	8	2	618	33	24	.....	.....	2	846	9,825 95	763 Ave. C., Bayonne, N. J.				
Wayne street.....	Raul D. VanCleave.....	95	6	13	19	4	172	9	1	124	1	270	4,674 78	288 Barrows st., Jersey City					
Bergen Point.....	T. Edward Inglis.....	86	15	3	3	3	126	4	50	73	1	152	1	440 00	53 Lord ave., Bayonne						
Second, Hudson City.....	Emil A. Meury.....	1190	4	2	3	9	478	103	7	150	52	1	575	136 00	14 Sherman Place J. City.						
Canajoharie.....	Thos. J. Konners.....	110	7	7	9	4	160	5	50	150	1	340	2	486 82	87	239 Pacific ave., Jersey City					
Greenville.....	Chas. J. Allen, P. E.....	181	5	...	23	5	226	2	2	.....	.....	2	465	350 00	39 Columbia Place, "				
Free, Jersey City.....	John Heinigen, P. E.....	86	...	...	...	...	109	...	...	...	...	1	300	...	143 Brunswick st., "
Third, Bayonne.....	Matthew Muller.....	56	10	1	1	2	92	24	...	4	1	168	22	50	25 40 W. 21st st., Bayonne						
South Bergen.....	Wm. D. Grant.....	167	6	6	12	5	234	...	...	34	...	1	260	127 50	129 Bergen av., Jersey City				
First Germanical.....	John Heinigen, P. E.....	95	...	...	12	14	211	72	2	120	120	3	350	45 00	48 Fairview av., Jersey City				
St. John's Ger. Evg.....	Goetheb Andraea.....	87	30	...	12	14	211	72	2	120	120	3	350	45 00	48 Fairview av., Jersey City						
Total.....	Total.....	1,690	202	96	107	67	3,121	280	41	630	849	18	4,979	\$4,067 49	\$3,402 51	\$43,751 12					

Other Ministers.—James L. Amerman, Assistant Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 25 East 22d street, New York City; William R. Duryee, Professor in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.; Charles L. Clist, Plainfield, N. J.

Candidates.—Edward Meury, Jersey City, N. J.; Robert Thomas Wilson, Bayonne, N. J.

† Declared Pastor Emeritus, April 14th, 1896.

* Revised list.

† Report of last year.

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; Wm. H. Van Doren, Griggstown, N. J.

† Revised list.

* This amount includes sum paid for organ and hymn books.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Other Objects.	Denominational Objects.	Total.			
															Benevolent.							
															Benevolent.							
Belleville.....	A. Hageman, (s.c.)	150	8	8	3	3	4	231	11	1	100	150	1	210	\$343 44	\$ 45 92	\$5,450 00	Belleville, N. J.				
First, Newark.....	T. J. Lee.....	220	8	2	10	13	10	427	2	2	120	250	2	320	460 00	780 00	4,700 00	692 High street, Newark "				
Irvington.....	D. H. Christensen	102	2	10	13	3	130	3	130	3	1	.....	1	225	50 20	150 00	1,884 05	Irvington, "			
New York av., Newark	J. S. Allen.....	140	14	11	6	2	252	7	3	.....	.....	.....	1	340	408 00	200 00	3,054 00	100 New York av., Newark.	
Franklin.....	Wm. Stuart.....	480	1	3	6	3	*130	15	1	120	133	1	133	136 35	16 18	795 25	Nutley, N. J.					
North, Newark.....	D. Sage Mackay.....	320	40	30	2	9	716	21	12	.....	.....	3	1,193	13,263 15	443 07	11,660 89	29 Washington st., Newark.			
West, Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	82	24	.....	14	280	102	3	.....	50	1	285	2	845	32 00	10 00	1,059 25	Newark, N. J.		
Cinton ave., Newark.	Daniel H. Martin	327	34	32	17	15	710	14	12	.....	.....	2	845	12,294 65	810 00	8,112 34	1 Johnstons av., Newark, N. J.			
Trinity, Newark.....	J. N. Morris.....	140	13	3	1	1	133	11	2	95	.....	1	425	154 95	24 00	1,450 00	483 Ferry st., Newark, "				
Linden.....	Vacant.....	22	.....	2	3	34	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	90	.....	.....	779 77	"	
Christ Church, Newark	I. V. W. Schenck.	166	9	15	7	1	222	7	.....	25	1	250	1	250	52 45	631 24	2,553 04	84 Delevan ave., Newark.			
Stone House Plains	W. E. Bogardus ..	45	2	2	4	101	7	.....	.....	112	1	112	1	112	110 18	20 10	1,208 91	Brookdale, N. J.		
Orange, East.....	G. S. Bishop.....	276	6	9	10	5	579	5	1	245	1	336	1	336	1,177 03	391 73	3,823 87	East Orange, "				
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Cornelius Schenck	250	13	23	7	5	535	5	6	.....	.....	1	378	1,070 93	483 86	6,144 56	Plainfield, "			
German, Plainfield.....	G. Hauser.....	52	8	1	.....	102	11	.....	9	.....	.....	1	58	36 00	.....	1,850 00	Plainfield, "	
Total.....		2,372	182	146	88	74	4,582	216	51	444	853	19	5,200	\$29,579 39	\$4,006 10	\$54,525 93						

* Revised list.

† Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J. Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J. John N. Jansen, 344 Summer ave., Newark. M. G. Hansen, 70 Ashland ave., East Orange, N. J. David Waters, Newark, N. J. James C. Garretson, Rahway, N. J.

Candidates.—Albert D. Baldwin, Pennsylvania avenue, Newark, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Rec'd.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.			
		Number of Families.	Census.													Denominational Objects.		Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman.	320	33	27	21	1	14	688	25	8	.....	.....	200	1	461	\$1,534 00	\$499 00	219 Townsend st., N. Bruns'k.
Six Mile Run	Geo. M. S. Blauvelt	117	6	2	3	1	3	282	6	6	.....	.....	60	5	202	995 00	60 00	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough	Theodore Shafer	149	18	10	13	1	11	338	12	6	.....	.....	50	7	230	629 00	163 00	Millstone,
Middlebush	James LeFevre	80	2	3	12	4	170	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	1	130	392 00	33 00	" Middlebush,
Griggstown	Jas L. Southard	52	2	.....	3	.....	5	109	1	.....	.....	.....	35	2	88	124 00	61 00	" Griggstown,
Second, N. Brunswick.	M. H. Hutton, S. C.	*180	5	12	8	4	.....	*394	7	1	.....	.....	201	2	313	1,983 00	678 00	26 Union st., New Brunswick.
Boundbrook	C. T. Anderson, P. E.	80	6	13	1	.....	183	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103	38 00	South Boundbrook, N. J.
Third, N. Brunswick.	Carl Meyer	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	245 Easton ave., N. Brunswick.
East Millstone	A. Puze Pecke	73	.....	4	7	1	138	5	.....	94	1	118	.....	.....	.....	124	15 00	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen	John H. Raven	65	.....	3	.....	4	164	3	.....	77	1	121	.....	.....	.....	273 00	16 00	Metuchen,
Snydam st., N. Bruns'k	Alan D. Campbell	60	8	15	12	.....	225	3	.....	235	1	225	.....	.....	.....	527 00	23 00	Livingston av., N. Brunswick.
Highland Park	John B. Thompson	36	9	5	.....	.....	76	4	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 00	.....	Highland Park,
Total	Total	1,222	89	95	90	3	49	2,791	72	18	220	1,162	23	1,162	\$6,688 00	\$1,576 00	\$23,124 00

* Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick, N. J. Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J. Edw. Lord, Patchogue, N. Y. A. F. Todd, Dunellen, N. J. Eugene S. Booth, Yokahama, Japan. John De Witt, 311 Montgomery st., Jersey City, N. J.

Candidates.—T. DeWitt Reiley, New York. Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb. A. G. Van Aken, New Brunswick, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Comm.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina-tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.	
Aquanconck.....	{ John Gaston, Em- A. Vennema.	150	11	5	10	7	389	18	1	340	1	322	\$1,644 02	\$575 68	\$5,409 58	Passaic, N. J.
Centerville.....	Anson Dubois.....	20	6	8	5	2	45	3	4	10	1	110	58 97		943 24	Passaic, "
Clarkstown.....	Eugene Hill.....	75	10	15	1	2	166	3	0	45	72	180	222 86	134 63	1,107 35	W Nyack, RocklandCo, N. Y.
Clifton.....	E. Birdsal.....	55	10	9	1	1	91	3	0	164	164	164	120 50	17 13	1,834 21	Clifton, N. J.
Garfield.....	Geo. G. Seibert.....	48	4	1	3	1	53	7	1	27	90	107	127 32	10 30	866 07	Garfield, "
Glen Rock.....	Vacant.....	16	0	1	0	0	20	0	0	.....	1	80	.....	.....	.....	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., "
Hawthorne.....	Garret M. Conover.....	31	7	4	0	0	36	2	0	.....	1	110	5 61	.....	944 86	Hawthorne, "
Lodi, 1st Holland.....	Vacant.....	60	14	11	0	3	106	12	0	170	60	100	18 40	10 00	1,000 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., "
Lodi, Second.....	Wm. Johnston.....	35	7	0	2	2	60	16	3	65	30	138	50 52	2 00	760 00	Lodi, "
Nyack.....	Wm. J. Leggett.....	170	14	11	5	6	332	4	4	65	139	226	1,374 57	161 44	5,373 93	Nyack, RocklandCo, N. Y.
Paramus.....	Wm. H. Vroom.....	113	2	7	15	4	206	7	0	.....	1	225	269 41	.....	2,016 63	Ridgewood, N. J.
Pascack.....	Edward Lodewick.....	100	8	5	13	0	154	3	2	.....	1	140	103 62	110 75	2,082 01	Park Ridge, "
Passaic, 1st Holland.....	Vacant.....	185	8	8	5	3	307	9	3	125	135	195	42 80	192 30	1,700 00	Passaic, "
Passaic, North.....	J. H. Whitehead.....	110	15	4	6	3	201	1	.....	250	1	360	1,266 74	278 30	5,078 18	Passaic, "
Paterson, Broadway.....	Elias W. Thompson.....	97	10	11	4	3	170	20	0	50	40	175	818 60	869 12	3,124 04	67 Auburn st., Paterson, "
" 1st Holland.....	D. Lawrence Belten.....	91	10	11	1	4	170	20	0	256	75	125	87 00	102 00	1,648 80	50 Clinton st., "
" North.....	Garret M. Conover.....	60	6	4	0	0	27	8	2	.....	1	90	13 00	.....	585 04	North Paterson, "
Paterson, Second.....	Theo. W. Welles, S. C.....	180	7	5	6	4	300	19	2	200	1	420	415 25	334 50	3,400 00	17 Temple st., Paterson, "
Piermont.....	Edward S. Ralston.....	70	4	2	0	1	133	3	0	50	2	150	362 04	281 54	2,174 66	Piermont, N. Y.
Ramapo.....	Albert A. King.....	90	26	2	0	2	143	6	11	.....	2	224	84 50	14 70	1,931 68	Mahwah, Bergen Co., "
Ramseys.....	Vacant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	1	239	.....	206	532 75	165 44	3,851 59	Ramseys, Bergen Co., "
Ridgewood.....	J. A. Van Neste.....	112	7	15	21	4	9231	10	1	.....	1	266	.....	.....	3,851 59	Ridgewood, "
Saddle River.....	Isaac Van Kampen.....	66	7	4	6	3	73	0	0	36	1	91	47 25	19 00	1,978 82	Saddle River, "
Spring Valley.....	C. E. Crispell.....	80	4	7	3	3	120	5	1	58	159	185	379 16	17 53	1,391 85	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Tappan.....	Matthew N. Oliver.....	60	21	8	9	1	131	7	8	50	60	23	172 26	5 00	1,385 38	Tappan, "
Warwick.....	Tabber Knox.....	150	15	8	9	8	256	9	7	79	130	225	1,229 00	85 00	3,024 00	Warwick, "
West N. Hempstead.....	Thos. S. Dushinberre.....	49	0	0	0	1	103	1	0	20	80	1	123 16	8 93	469 24	Viola, Rockland Co., "
Wortendyke, Holl'd.....	Vacant.....	71	8	15	18	3	149	22	0	147	74	3	.....	.....	776 80	Wortendyke, BergenCo, N. J.
Total.....		2,344	232	156	146	381	4,332	233	54	1,271	2,223	33	\$9,399 31	\$3,455 98	\$55,757 98	

* Revised Roll.

† One Union. ° 19 Non-resident. ‡ 2 Union.

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Offord, *New York Observer*, 37 and 38 Park Row, New York City. Cornelius R. Blauvelt, Nyack, New York. Henry Dater, Hawthorne, Passaic Co., N. J. Nathaniel H. VanArsdale, *Christian Intelligence*, 4 and 6 Warren St., New York City.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Rec'd.	Total now in Communion.			Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Other Objects.	Congregational.	
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.							Suspended.	Died.			
Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	78	4	3	3	1	97	5	.....	40	1	104	\$286 98	\$65 00	\$1,409 84	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Fairfield	Geo. H. Peeke, s. c.	60	5	.....	3	1	110	.....	.....	60	1	90	169 09	19 52	934 93	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
First, Little Falls.	J. O. Van Fleet, s. c.	74	5	.....	4	5	179	8	1	.....	1	160	285 90	8 99	1,610 54	Little Falls, "
Second, "	"	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Little Falls, "
Montville	A. Mattice, P. E.	40	1	.....	1	3	85	.....	.....	12	1	35	105 59	62 27	943 82	Boonton, Morris Co., "
High Holland Church.	E. Vanhethloo	540	43	16	2	6	695	77	1,300	385	1	570	189 17	106 97	4,302 48	Paterson, "	
People's Park.	John Smith	110	15	13	2	1	199	24	7	100	1	225	41 00	.....	1,836 43	Paterson, "
Bompton	Ferdinand S. Wilson	125	15	14	2	3	245	9	40	100	2	266	452 54	147 81	2,143 00	Kiverdale, Morris Co., "	
Prompton Plains.	Charles J. Allen	167	5	16	6	2	284	1	3	.....	4	459	431 54	14 08	1,514 35	Prompton Plains, "
Ponds	Charles L. Palmer	80	4	1	1	3	105	0	.....	100	1	110	103 01	.....	826 97	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Monkness	Geo. W. Labaw	40	7	1	2	2	94	2	.....	.....	2	110	113 74	39 81	1,074 88	Bank st., Paterson, "
Riverside, Paterson.	John B. Church	110	17	2	6	1	132	8	2	200	1	447	137 88	28 09	2,030 96	37 E. 15th st., Paterson, "	
First Totowa.	Thos. Powell Vernoll	148	11	7	.....	8	133	18	7	.....	1	328	378 80	206 76	1,466 30	Paterson, "
Union Ref'd.	H. E. Nies	215	13	5	4	5	395	40	3	745	215	1	330	132 75	145 26	2,100 58	Paterson, "
Wyckoff.	A. Westveer	85	4	2	1	1	150	4	.....	.....	1	90	177 28	35 15	1,198 16	Wyckoff, "
Total		1,912	150	63	47	1	47	3,093	200	36	2,227	1,580	20	3,424	\$779 62	\$26,883 10	

Other Ministers—J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J. Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y. J. W. Conklin, Springfield, Mass. G. A. Luckenbill, Boonton, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Census.	Number of Families.	Recd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
N. and Southampton	Horace P. Craig.....	*100		13	13	6	7	8	200	460	5	8	241	5	316	5	316	\$412 00	\$ 12 00	\$1,600 00	Churchville Pa.
Harlingen	Francis M. Kip, S. C.	135		17	17	9	9	7	229	7	2	2	100	4	315	4	315	324 00	35 00	1,648 00	Harlingen, " N. J.
Neshanic	John Hart.....	130		17	17	7	7	2	239	7	2	2	50	80	340	1	340	1,350 00	74 00	1,500 00	Neshanic, " N. J.
First Philadelphia	P. H. Milliken.....	110		6	6	5	5	1	220	7	2	2	50	80	340	1	340	1,350 00	105 00	3,368 00	1433 Poplar st., Phila., Pa.
Second	Vacant.....	139		3	3	15	15	3	260	7	2	2	50	80	340	1	340	1,350 00	227 00	6,105 00	" " "
Fourth	J. P. Kain.....	224		85	85	7	7	3	419	37	11	11	350	2	285	2	285	1,338 00	440 00	5,666 00	145 Grape-st., Manayunk, Pa.
Blawenburgh	John S. VanOrden.....	76		2	2	1	1	2	154	7	1	1	100	1	110	1	110	157 00	.....	1,034 00	Blawenburgh, " N. J.
Stanton	Vacant.....	72		9	9	4	4	1	147	7	4	4	12	1	43	1	43	47 00	.....	669 00	Stanton, " "
Clover Hill	N. I. M. Bogert.....	75		3	3	7	7	5	138	3	3	3	20	1	70	1	70	47 00	5 00	900 00	Clover Hill, " "
Rocky Hill	Orville J. Hogan.....	67		10	10	3	3	2	138	7	3	3	20	1	122	1	122	195 00	22 00	1,266 00	Rocky Hill, " "
Fifth Philadelphia	C. F. C. Suckow.....	154		6	6	3	3	3	230	40	7	7	35	24	287	1	287	225 00	178 00	2,070 00	2223 E. Susq. ave., Phila., Pa.
Addressville	Sidney O. Lawsing.....	60		6	6	3	3	2	114	2	4	4	35	34	200	1	200	221 00	.....	1,482 00	Richboro, Pa. " "
Three Bridges	O. M. Voorhees.....	80		7	7	8	8	2	142	2	2	2	35	1	101	1	101	91 00	7 00	1,422 00	Three Bridges, " N. J.
Talmage Memorial	Wm. J. Skillman.....	99		8	8	6	6	2	113	13	6	6	2	.....	91	00	91	61 00	7 00	1,015 00	4216 Pechin st., Phila., Pa.
South, Philadelphia	Joseph Duckworth.....	14		22	22	7	7	2	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	90	1	217 00	.....	500 00	2000 Lingo st., " "
Total.....		1,597		182	182	103	89	141	2,758	98	44	44	185	645	30	3,685	30	\$3,769 00	\$1,102 00	\$30,285 00	

* Revised lists. † Non-resident members. ‡ One Union. § 2 Union.

Other Ministers.—C. E. Gramm ; A. Stoll, Raipore, India.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Census.	Rec'd.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.
			Number of Families.																		
First, Raritan.....	Wm. S. Craumer.....	220	12	22	8	10	441	2	5	85	1	313	\$1,015 00	\$174 00	\$9,810 00	Somerville,	N. J.				
Readington.....	B. V. D. Wyckoff.....	136	4	13	5	7	315	2	2	.....	.....	.....	236 39	56 73	1,470 88	Readington,	"	
Bedminster.....	T. Walker Jones.....	108	6	5	7	4	260	3	1	.....	.....	.....	567 95	56 10	1,408 25	Bedminster,	"	
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis.....	220	10	5	4	10	382	13	2	.....	.....	.....	89 85	47 95	3,500 76	Lebanon,	"	
Rockaway.....	H. P. Lyman-Wheaton.....	112	3	6	12	3	172	2	3	.....	.....	.....	104 13	50 50	1,252 77	Rockaway,	"	
North Branch.....	P. M. Doolittle.....	113	3	11	9	5	155	13	0	.....	.....	.....	1910 31	60 78	1,213 62	White House Station,	"	
Second Raritan.....	E. G. Read.....	234	14	29	14	14	619	9	1	.....	.....	.....	127 23	22 25	15,038 82	North Branch,	"	
Peapack.....	Howard C. Hasbrouck.....	92	4	14	5	2	192	3	1	.....	.....	.....	355 67	78 36	1,603 39	Peapack,	"	
South Branch.....	Isaac Sperling.....	104	4	9	16	2	203	1	1	.....	.....	.....	399 80	13 00	1,612 57	South Branch,	"	
Third Raritan.....	Wm. H. DeHart.....	155	7	4	18	5	303	16	2	.....	.....	.....	594 00	134 00	3,534 00	Raritan,	"	
Pottersville.....	Sartell Prentice, Jr.....	60	1	0	6	0	110	6	0	.....	.....	.....	70 00	2 47	1,177 36	Pottersville,	"	
High Bridge.....	Isaac L. Kip.....	104	0	3	4	2	146	3	0	.....	.....	.....	68 58	5 40	1,431 60	High Bridge,	"	
Annandale.....	A. L. Mershon.....	53	1	5	.....	1	75	1	1	.....	.....	.....	30 36	10 94	983 00	Annandale,	"
Fourth, Raritan.....	F. Koechli.....	66	8	.....	5	.....	138	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 00	2 00	670 00	Somerville,	"
Total.....		1,777	66	129	113	563	3,501	99	19	800	26	2,783	\$5,645 00	\$665 18	\$44,767 02						

* 3 Union.

† 3 Union.

Other Ministers.—H. Schnellendressler Plainfield, N. J. Henry Stout, Nagasaki, Japan. J. F. Mesick, (s. c.), Plawenburgh, N. J. Charles H. Pool, Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J. Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J. George J. Van Neste, Millstone, N. J. A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J. B. C. Miller, Jr., Brooklyn.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1896.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.			
						Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		Congregational.
																				Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	
Bergen	20	20	2	1,945	251 133	90	1	82	3,364	467 55	668	1,348	1	22	5,966	\$6,751 50	\$3,975 10	\$31,157 23	Henry Ward.			
South Bergen	12	14	2	1,690	202 98	107	0	67	3,121	286 41	630	849	18	18	4,979	4,067 49	3,402 51	43,751 12	R. K. Wick.			
Monmouth	10	12	...	715	80 31	32	0	18	1,435	34 29	130	594	12	12	1,102	2,669 58	291 97	16,161 12	A. B. Herman.			
Newark	15	20	1	2,372	182 146	88	...	74	4,582	216 51	444	853	19	19	5,300	29,579 39	4,006 10	54,595 93	A. Hagman.			
New Brunswick	12	18	3	1,222	89 95	90	3	49	2,791	72 18	220	1,040	23	23	2,162	6,688 00	1,576 00	23,124 00	Manc. H. Hutton.			
Paramus	28	29	...	2,344	232 156	146	3	81	4,332	253 54	1,271	2,223	33	33	4,610	9,389 31	3,455 98	55,737 98	Theo. W. Welles.			
Passaic	15	18	0	1,912	150 63	47	1	47	3,093	200 36	2,227	1,580	20	20	3,424	3,005 27	779 62	26,883 10	J. O. Van Fleet.			
Philadelphia	15	15	0	1,567	182 103	89	1	41	2,738	98 44	185	645	36	36	3,685	3,764 00	1,102 00	30,285 00	Francis M. Rip.			
Raritan	14	22	0	1,777	66 129	113	0	56	3,501	99 19	.....	800	26	26	2,763	5,645 00	666 18	44,767 02	John F. Mesick.		
	142	168	8	15,484	1,434 954	802	9	515	28,957	1,779 347	5,765	9,932	203	33,411	\$70,959 54	\$19,255 40	\$346,412 50					

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes begs leave to report as follow
The books from all the Classes have been presented, except from t
Classis of Monmouth, and referred to Sub-Committees, have be
examined and the following is their report :

F. M. KIP,
A. D. CAMPBELL,
E. S. VOORHEES.

Classis of Bergen.—20 Churches.

- 1st. The book is accurately kept.
- 2d. Contains nothing requiring the attention of Synod.
- 3d. The answers to the constitutional questions are as follows :

1st Question,	17 Churches,	Yes.	2 No.
2d "	10 "	Yes.	7 No.
3d "	13 "	Yes.	4 No.
4th "	15 "	Yes.	2 No.
5th "	18 "	Yes.	
6th "	17 "	Yes.	
7th "	8 "	Yes.	9 No.

J. H. RAVEN,
A. DEHART.

Three Churches of the Classis rendered no report.

South Classis of Bergen.—12 Churches.

- 1st. The records are neatly and correctly kept.
- 2d. They contain nothing requiring Synodical action.
- 3d. The constitutional questions were answered by eleven of
Churches as follows :

1st Question,	11 Churches	Yes.	
2d "	4 "	Yes.	7 No.
3d "	11 "	Yes.	
4th "	11 "	Yes.	
5th "	11 "	Yes.	
6th "	11 "	Yes.	
7th "	9 "	Yes.	2 No.

According to the record the church of South Bergen did not an
any of the questions.

A. A. KING,
C. D. VAN NES

Classis of Newark.—15 Churches.

- 1st. The records are regularly kept.
- 2d. Nothing demands special attention of Synod.
- 3d. Constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question, 14 Churches, Yes.				
2d	"	13	"	No. 1 Yes.
3d	"	14	"	Yes.
4th	"	14	"	Yes.
5th	"	14	"	Yes.
6th	"	12	"	Yes. 2 No.
7th	"	5	"	Yes. 9 No.

One church gives no report.

W. STUART, *Chairman of Committee.*

Classis of New Brunswick.—12 Churches.

- 1st. The records are well and truly kept.
- 2d. They were not produced at the last meeting of Synod.
- 3d. The answers to the constitutional questions were as follows :

1st Question, 12 Churches, Yes.				
2d	"	12	"	Yes.
3d	"	12	"	Yes.
4th	"	8	"	Yes. 4 No.
5th	"	12	"	Yes.
6th	"	12	"	Yes.
7th	"	12	"	Yes,

H. P. LYMAN WHEATON,
GEO. STILLWELL.

Classis of Paramus.—28 Churches.

- 1st. The records are correctly kept.
- 2d. Nothing requiring Synodical action.
- 3d. The constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question, 28 Churches, Yes.				
2d	"	18	"	Yes. 3 No. 4 In part.
3d	"	19	"	Yes. 6 No.
4th	"	25	"	Yes.
5th	"	25	"	Yes.
6th	"	22	"	Yes.
7th	"	9	"	Yes. 16 No.

One church not reported.

JOHN T. E. DE WITT,
H. C. BAKER.

Classis of Passaic.—16 Churches.

- 1st. The minutes are correctly kept.
- 2d. The constitutional questions were answered as follows :
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|---------------|--------------|------|--------|
| 1st Question, | 14 Churches, | Yes. | 8 No. |
| 2d " | 6 " | Yes. | |
| 3d " | 14 " | Yes. | |
| 4th " | 14 " | Yes. | |
| 5th " | 14 " | Yes. | |
| 6th " | 14 " | Yes. | |
| 7th " | | | 14 No. |

JAS. T. SCHOCK,
WM. LAIRD.

Classis of Philadelphia.—15 Churches.

- 1st. Records are well and carefully kept.
- 2d. Constitutional questions were answered as follows :
- | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|------|----------------|
| 1st Question, | 14 Churches, | Yes. | 9 No. |
| 2d " | 5 " | Yes. | |
| 3d " | 14 " | Yes. | |
| 4th " | 14 " | Yes. | |
| 5th " | 14 " | Yes. | |
| 6th " | 14 " | Yes. | |
| 7th " | 4 " | Yes. | 9 No. 1 Blank. |

3d. We bring the following points to the attention of Synod ; to wit : At the sessions of Classis, held Oct. 9th, 1895, Lem. XXV., page 184, and Apr. 14th, 1896, Lem. XXV., page 198, appears the following record : " Lem. XXV. The Van Benschoten Bequest. Printed copies were distributed among the members and it was read by title by the temporary clerk."

Your Committee would recommend, that the Synod remind the Classis of Philadelphia, that such reading of the Bequest has been decided by the General Synod to be illegal.

2d. We find on page 186 the record of a meeting of Classis, Dec. 20, 1895, at which but two elders were present, and at which important business purports to have been transacted, to wit, the dismissal of a member to another Classis.

On page 188, Lem. V. of the regular session of April 14th, 1896, Classis is recorded as approving the minutes of the meeting of Dec. 20, 1895, and at the same regular session, recognizing the illegality of the meeting of Dec. 20, 1895, but approving its action.

Your Committee would submit the above to Synod, with its opinion

that it does not lie in the power of Classis to nullify the constitution ;
 that all acts transacted at illegal meetings are void *ab initio*, and cannot
 therefore be ratified by any subsequent meeting, but should be introduced
 and passed upon as new business.

E. S. RALSTON,
 S. A. JESSUP.

Classis of Raritan.—14 Churches.

- 1st. Records properly kept.
 2d. Nothing requiring action of Synod.
 3d. Constitutional questions were answered as follows :
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|---------------|--------------|------|----------|
| 1st Question, | 14 Churches, | Yes. | |
| 2d | " 8 " | Yes. | 6 No. |
| 3d | " 14 " | Yes. | |
| 4th | " 13 " | Yes. | 1 Blank, |
| 5th | " 14 " | Yes. | |
| 6th | " 14 " | Yes. | |
| 7th | " 10 " | Yes. | 4 No. |

O. J. HOGAN,
 JOHN LANCASTER.

The report was accepted and adopted, with the addition of the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Synod learns with sorrow from the report of the Committee on Classical Minutes—that so large a number of negative answers have been returned to the Second Constitutional Question Inquiry—and that they would tenderly remind their delinquent brethren of the necessity of their complying with the requirements of the Constitution and the terms of their calls.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing Occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which is adopted :

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reports that the increase in the amount of contributions to the Boards of the church, considering the continued financial depression, is a record of which Synod may well be proud, and stimulated thereby to increased efforts.

But the gifts of the church are to be measured not by gratifying totals, whether Synodical, Classical or Church, but by the consecrated offerings of the individual. It is easy to cast responsibility on the organization, saying "our Synod," "our Classis," "our Church," has done well, when we ourselves, members of the church may have contributed little or nothing to the general result. The ideal towards which the church is ever to strive is contribution by every member, according to his ability to every cause according to its needs. Whether this ideal has been attained by the churches of this Synod the accompanying table will aid in determining. See Appendix "A." Yet all statistical tables fail, for there again the individual is clothed with the percentage, which may not justly be his. The whole matter is laid on the heart and conscience of the individual.

As members of the church we vow consecration of life and property to our God. Debts of churches will be extinguished, and debts of Missionary Boards will cease to be, when Ananias no longer brings a part for the whole, and Sapphira no longer abets the transaction.

Consecration, conscience, contributions, will fill the treasury of the Mission Boards.

Especially would we call the attention of Synod and of the Classes to the requests of General Synod that a like sum be raised for Domestic and Foreign Missions. Not that we love India less but home more.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. RALSTON,

A. A. KING,

A. DE HART.

“ A ” *Appendix to Report of Com. on Systematic Beneficence.*

GIFTS PER MEMBER.

	DEN.	OBJECTS.	OTHER OBJECTS.	CONG.
Bergen, - - -	\$2.00		\$1.18	\$15.21
South Bergen, - -	1.30		1.09	14.01
Monmouth, - - -	1.44		.21	11.26
Newark, - - -	6.43		.87	11.90
New Brunswick, - -	2.39		.56	8.28
Paramus, - - -	2.16		.79	12.87
Passaic, - - -	.97		.25	8.69
Philadelphia, - - -	1.38		.40	11.06
Raritan, - - -	1.61		.19	12.78
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Total, 1895-6, - - -	\$2.45		.66	\$11.96
1894-5, - - -	1.70		.62	11.92

ARTICLE XV.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer having presented no report, the following Committee was appointed to revise his report, examine his vouchers and upon their approbation of the same send it to the Stated Clerk to be printed, the Treasurer being empowered to lay the usual assessment upon the Classes.

Committee, Revs. E. S. Ralston, A. A. King, Elder S. A. Jessup.

[Report was not received in time for publication.]

ARTICLE XVI.

PARTICULARIA.

The first hour after the opening of the Synod and the first half hour of the session of Wednesday, were occupied with devotional exercises.

The Synod appointed 9 A. M. and 8 P. M. as the hours of meeting and 5.30 and 12.30 P. M. as the hours of adjournment.

Elders C. D. VanNess, H. C. Baker, Abram DeHart and Wm. Laird, were appointed to assist in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which was administered on Wednesday evening, after the sermon of the retiring President, the form being read by the President without other remarks.

The Committee on Nominations recommended the appointment of Rev. Ame Vennema as the speaker for 1897, Rev. I. W. Gowen his secundus, the speaker to select his own theme.

In view of the irregularities in the bounds of the Classes, the changes in relations of churches through new railroad facilities and the separation of churches in the same city into different Classes, it was resolved to appoint a committee, to consist of the President of the Synod and the Stated Clerks of the Classes, to consider the whole matter of the readjustment of the bounds of the Classes, and to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The Synod having heard the letter of Rev. W. W. Moffett, D. D., District Secretary of the American Bible Society resolved that the satisfaction of Synod with the work of the Society during the past year be cordially expressed, particularly its extensive canvass and supply of homes destitute of the Word of God.

In view of the meager representation of several Classes in this Synod, it was resolved that the Stated Clerks be instructed to furnish the delegates to Particular Synod with notice of their election, the same to be filed with the Stated Clerk of this Synod as the credentials of such delegates.

Rev. W. H. Vroom addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions, and brought the cheering tidings that the recent earnest efforts made in behalf of its treasury were so successful as to close the year without debt, and with no increase in the deficiency of the Contingent Fund.

Rev. Lewis Francis, D.D. appeared before Synod as the representative of the Foreign Board, with the good news that the debt of the Board had been met, the receipts of the year (\$147,000) being second only to one other in its history and called upon Synod to see to it so far as its power extended that a "year of famine" should not follow

this "year of plenty," eighteen of its churches having given nothing to the foreign work during the twelve-month.

Rev. A. DeWitt Mason also spoke of the C. E. Missionary League, and of the *Mission Field* as the organ of the Boards. He informed the Synod that the increase of societies pledged to Missionary contributions was $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent—\$7,000 having in all been contributed.

Resolutions were adopted as follows :

The Synod has heard with great pleasure and profit the representatives of the Mission Boards of our Church, Rev. W. H. Vroom in behalf of the Domestic Board, Rev. Dr. Lewis Francis in behalf of the Foreign Board and Rev. A. DeWitt Mason in behalf of the *Mission Field*, and are rejoiced because of the blessing of God upon our mission work during the past year and would express its gratitude by renewed diligence and enlarged liberality in the future. Therefore,

Resolved, that the pastors and churches of this Synod be and are hereby most earnestly requested in the name of the great Head of the church to use their utmost endeavors to enlarge their gifts to the Mission Boards and secure if possible a more thorough circulation among the families of the church of our missionary literature.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed by this Synod to take into consideration the matter of the more thorough circulation of the missionary periodicals of our church among the congregations of this Synod and to devise and apply such measures as may seem desirable to the attainment of this end.

This committee shall also have power to confer and co-operate with a similar committee recently appointed by the Particular Synod of New York and with the committee on publication of the *Mission Field* and to report the result of their efforts to the next annual Session of this Particular Synod. The following were appointed on this committee.

Revs. G. H. Cotton, R. K. Wick and Elder H. C. Baker.

Rev. Dr. George S. Bishop addressed the Synod on Wednesday morning on the Foundation Doctrines of the Reformed church. It was resolved that the thanks of the Synod be extended to Dr. Bishop for his most eloquent and stirring address and that its publication be requested by this Synod. It was also resolved that this Synod hereby extends to the church of Ridgewood its assurance of hearty appreciation of the kind and generous hospitality with which they have entertained us and that we pray them to accept our sincere thanks in return.

ARTICLE XVII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The nominations made by the Classes were confirmed as follows:

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Herman Vanderwart,	Elder Peter Bogert,
“ Henry Ward,	“ J. W. Dubuar,
“ Abram Duryee,	“ Peter Acker,
“ D. M. Talmage,	“ J. H. Duryee.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Manchee,	Elder J. H. Fink,
“ John Rudolph,	“ Jasper Westervelt,
“ John Bombin,	“ A. J. Bogert,
“ George H. Cotton,	“ J. J. VanWagner.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. C. Brett, D.D.,	Elder E. M. Doane,
“ C. H. Jones,	“ W. M. Imbrie,
“ T. J. Kommers,	“ D. G. VanReypen.

SECUNDI.

Rev. R. K. Wick,	Elder Henry Hoersch,
“ T. E. Inglis,	“ John VanHorn,
“ G. Andraea,	“ John H. Bruns.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

PRIMARI.

Rev. W. H. VanDoren,	Elder J. H. VanMater,
“ P. K. Hageman,	“ W. H. Conover,
“ I. P. Brokaw, D.D.,	“ W. W. Thompson.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. B. Herman,	Elder Jos. Sutphen,
“ S. R. Cunningham,	“ D. H. Lefferson,
“ J. T. Schock,	“ G. S. Luyster.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARI.

Rev. T. J. Lee,	Elder J. S. Mundy,
“ D. H. Martin,	“ C. C. Hine,
“ Wm. Stuart,	“ Nelson Jacobus.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. S. Allen,	Elder Jas. Marlatt,
“ W. E. Bogardus,	“ Fred'k Smith,
“ A. Hageman,	“ Arthur Ward, M. D.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

PRIMARI.

Rev. John H. Raven,	Elder John W. Bronson,
“ Jacob Cooper, LL.D.,	“ Matthew Suydam,
“ John B. Thompson, D.D.,	“ George W. Campbell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. James LeFevre, D.D.,	Elder W. N. Osborn,
“ M. H. Hutton, D.D.,	“ Wm. Voorhees,
“ George M. S. Blauvelt,	“ Prof. E. B. Voorhees.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

PRIMARI.

Rev. John Gaston, D.D.,	Elder John A. Speer,
“ Anson DuBois, D.D.,	“ John B. Courter,
“ Eugene Hill,	“ Aaron Ryder,
“ E. Birdsall,	“ John W. Jones,
“ George G. Seibert,	“ J. W. Maloney.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Wm. Johnston,	Elder Wm. H. Nichols,
“ Wm. J. Leggett, Ph.D.,	“ Cornelius DeBaun,
“ Wm. H. Vroom,	“ A. J. Zabriskie,
“ Edward Lodewick,	“ W. W. Westervelt,
“ N. H. VanArsdale, D.D.,	“ F. A. Hillgers.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

PRIMARI.

Rev. A. Westveer	Elder Richard Vanderbeck,
“ J. Smit,	“ G. Schut,
“ Alex. McKelvey,	“ S. Bogert.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. W. Conklin,	Elder J. G. Sims,
“ C. L. Palmer,	“ D. H. Spear,
“ J. C. Cruikshank,	“ J. W. VanDuyn.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

PRIMARI.

Rev. P. J. Kain,	Elder A. W. Given,
“ J. S. VanOrden,	“ Luther VanZant,
“ N. I. M. Bogert,	“ Levi Reed.

SECUNDI.

Rev. O. J. Hogan,	Elder E. S. Voorhees,
“ C. F. C. Suckow,	“ Fred Bach.
“ S. O. Lawsing,	“ Chas. Search.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Henry Stout, D.D.,	Elder J. C. Latourette,
“ Isaac S. Kip,	“ David L. Apgar,
“ Fred'k Koechli,	“ Jacob Roller.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Jno. F. Mesick, D.D.,	Elder C. D. Stout,
“ Chas. H. Pool, D.D.,	“ J. L. Drake,
“ Geo. J. VanNeste,	“ Wm. Young.

ARTICLE XVIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XIX.

ADJOURNMENT.

od adjourned at 1 P. M. of the second day of the Session to hold
xt annual meeting in the Reformed Church of Bayonne, N. J.,
e first Tuesday of May, 1897, at 3 o'clock P. M.,

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

minutes were read and approved, the usual number were ordered
printed, the roll was called and the Synod adjourned with prayer
v. J. S. Allen, and the benediction by the President.

CHAS. I. SHEPARD, *President*,

THEO. SHAFER, *Vice President*.

J. HOGAN,
T. SCHOCK, } *Clerks, pro. tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk*.

PLACES OF MEETINGS AND PRESIDENTS.

1869.—First, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
1870.—First, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
1871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City,		Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic,		Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
1873.—Second, Freehold,	- - -	Rev. John Gardner.
1874.—Second, Newark,	- - -	Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
1875.—Second, Somerville,	- -	Rev. George J. Van NESTE.
1876.—First, Paterson,	- , - - -	Rev. William R. Duryee.
1877.—Second, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D.
1878.—Bergen,	- - - - -	Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
1879.—First, Philadelphia,	- -	Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
1880.—Neshanic,	- - - - -	Rev. James LeFevre.
1881.—Paramus,	- - - - -	Rev. Cornelius Brett.
1882.—Millstone,	- - - - -	Rev. M. H. Hutton,
1883.—First, New Brunswick,	-	Rev. Paul D. VanCleeef, D.D.
1884.—Warwick,	- - - - -	Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
1885.—First, Orange,	- - - -	Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.
1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City,	-	Rev. David Waters, D.D.
1887.—Lebanon,	- - - - -	Rev. Edward G. Read.
1888.—Belleville,	- - - - -	Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
1889.—Second, Philadelphia,	- -	Rev. J. Preston Searle.
1890.—First, Somerville,	- - -	Rev. Wm W. Knox.
1891.—Third, Raritan,	- - - -	Rev. N. H. Vanarsdale, D.
1892.—Nyack,	- - - - -	Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.
1893.—First, Hackensack,	- - -	Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D.
1894.—Broadway, Paterson,	- -	Rev. W. H. DeHart.
1895.—North, Passaic,	- - - -	Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
1896.—Ridgewood,	- - - - -	Rev. Chas. I. Shepard, D.I

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❧ MINUTES ❧

OF THE

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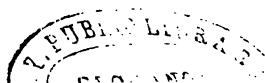
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Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

Particular Synod of New Brunswick.

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in Stated Session in the Reformed Church of Bayonne, N. J., on Tuesday, May 4th, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 2.15 o'clock, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. Chas. I. Shepard, D.D., who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening from Col. 1:28: "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, A. Dean, D.D., A. Duryee, W. R. Ackert, Henry Ward. Elders, J. J. VanWagenen, A. E. Sage.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, C. J. Allen, T. J. Kommers, C. H. Jones, J. Heiniger. Elders, Henry Ahlfeldt, Michael Schultz, Geo. Carragan.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, Peter Stryker, D.D., J. O. Bayles, A. B. Herman. Elders, J. C. Gulick, J. H. VanMater, Edgar Schenck.

Classis of Newark.—Ministers, T. J. Lee, John N. Morris, A. Hageman, Wm. E. Bogardus. Elder, Wm. Laird.

Classis of New Brunswick.—Ministers, C. T. Anderson, A. Paige Peeke, Theo. Shafer, P. Theo. Pockman, D.D. Elders, Garret Baird, Philip Case, Chas. Malmros, Wm. H. Ayres.

Classis of Paramus.—Ministers, Albert A. King, Isaac Van Kampen, John A. Van Neste. Elders, A. L. Winter, Wm. P. Millar.

Classis of Passaic.—Ministers, G. W. Labaw, A. Westveer, J. O. VanFleet, T. P. Vernoll*, F. S. Wilson.† Elder, D. J. Fox.

* The first day. † The second day.

Classis of Philadelphia.—Ministers, P. H. Milliken, Ph.D., John Hart, F. M. Kip, H. P. Craig. Elders, David Hunt, A. D. Baird, J. N. VanCleaf, David McNair.

Classis of Raritan.—Ministers, E. G. Read, D.D., H. C. Hasbrouck. Elders, E. B. Allen, Enoch Bedell, John H. Perlee.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Rev. Peter H. Milliken, Ph.D., was elected President.

Rev. P. Theo. Pockman, D.D., was elected Vice President.

Revs. A. B. Herman and A. Duryee were elected Temporary Clerks.

ARTICLE IV.

MINUTES AND BEQUEST OF REV. ELIAS VAN BENSCHOTEN.

These were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

RULES OF ORDER.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On Synodical Minutes.—Revs. W. R. Ackert, A. Westveer. Elder, Michael Schultz.

On Classical Minutes.—Revs. Peter Stryker, John A. Van Neste. Elder, Philip Case.

Sub-Committee.—

Rev. H. P. Craig,	Elder W. W. Hunt.
Rev. H. C. Hasbrouck,	Elder E. B. Allen.
Rev. T. P. Vernoll,	Elder D. J. Fox.
Rev. A. Paige Peeke,	Elder Garret Baird.
Rev. A. A. King,	Elder A. G. Winter.
Rev. A. Hageman,	Elder Edgar Schenck.
Rev. J. O. Bayles,	Elder J. H. Van Mater.
Rev. C. J. Allen,	Elder A. E. Sage.
Rev. Henry Ward,	Elder Geo. Carragan.

On Classical Reports.—Revs. C. I. Shepard, Isaac Van Kampen, Elder John H. Perlee.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Revs. E. G. Read, G. W. Labaw, Elder David McNair.

On Nominations.—Revs. F. M. Kip, T. J. Lee, Elder J. N. VanCleaf.

On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. Theo. Shafer, T. J. Kommers, Elder J. J. Van Wageningen.

On Systematic Beneficence.—Revs. Chas. T. Anderson, J. O. Van Fleet, Elder Wm. Laird.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received :

1. An invitation to the Synod to hold its next annual session in the Clinton Avenue Church of Newark. The invitation was heartily accepted.

2. A petition from the church of Spotswood, in the Classis of Monmouth, approved by said Classis, to be transferred for the sake of convenience to the Classis of New Brunswick. The request was granted.

5. A petition from the Consistory of the Park Church of Jersey City, to be transferred from the Classis of Bergen to the South Classis of Bergen, with whose churches it has closer association. The approval of the Classes interested being signified to the Synod the request was granted.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for 1896 were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who reported as follows :

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report as follows : We have examined the minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New York for 1896, and find nothing requiring the action of this Synod. Your Committee would call the attention of the Classes of this Synod to a portion of the report of the Committee on the State of Religion, found on page 443 of the Minutes of the General Synod for 1896, and would suggest that the various Classes of this Synod secure from the individual churches the records of the baptized non-communicants of such churches that the records of the Synod may be kept pure, and the baptized members of the church who have not made a confession of faith may receive the pastoral care due them.

Be it also Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to give a definition of "Baptized Non-Communicants," and that such definition be placed on the back of the form for Classical Reports.

Respectfully submitted,

WINFRED R. ACKERT,

Chairman of Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports would respectfully report :

That while we find much in the reports from the several Classes to call forth our sincere gratitude and praise, there is also not a little that should serve to humble us, lead to earnest prayer, and a more complete consecration of ourselves and of our substance to the service of our Divine Master.

Without doubt all that was desired and hoped for has not been attained, still the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the ever present Comforter, has been manifested in the churches, for success in a greater or less degree has followed the efforts put forth, as much precious fruit has been gathered, though not the abundant harvest which the faithful sowing of the seed would lead us to expect. This, however, ought not to discourage us, for as the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it until he receive the early and latter rain, so also we should be patient ; and from the teaching of the Word we may rest assured that our patience will not be long tried if the churches would heed the voice of the prophet, " Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain," and would also " prove the Lord of Hosts by bringing all the tithes into the store-house ;" then surely the windows of heaven would be opened, and the more abundant blessings would be poured out on our beloved Zion.

Several of the churches sent their statistical table to the Classes without remarks on the spiritual state of the congregation, therefore we herewith call the attention of said churches to Art. 6, Sec. 7, (last clause) of the constitution of the church.

In comparing the results of the labors of the year, as set forth in the statistical tables, with the table of the committee of the previous year, we base our calculations on the summaries given in the reports of the Classes, and do not hold ourselves responsible for the inaccuracies (of which there are not a few) in said summaries ; we suggest, however, that hereafter the tables be carefully revised by the stated clerks of the Classes before they are sent to the Committee on Classical Reports.

The number of churches last year, as per summary of the committee was 142, one more than the true number, viz. 141.

One church has been lost by the Classis of South Bergen, and one has been organized in the Classis of Newark ; thus we still have 141 churches.

Four have been added to the roll of ministers, making 172.

There is an increase of 263 families. Thirteen hundred and eighty-four (1384) have been received on confession, it being fifty (50) less than the preceding year. Seven hundred and ninety-four (794) were received on certificate, being one hundred and sixty (160) less than the year before. Seven hundred and nine (709) have been dismissed ; one hundred and ninety-three (193) less than the year before. The total number of communicants in the churches of the Particular Synod is 29,643, an increase of 686 over last year.

A larger number of infants and adults were baptized, and the number of baptized non-communicants has been increased during the year. The number of catechumens has been increased three hundred and fifty (350), and six hundred and eighteen (618) have been added to the Sunday-schools.

As to the subject of benevolence, we regret to state that each of the Classes contributed less for denominational purposes than in 1896, the amount of decrease being \$18,087.40 ; but as the sum contributed in 1896 was unusually large, it being \$22,423.54 more than was contributed in 1895, we have reason to believe that special efforts were made that year in behalf of the Boards of Missions, for we find that the amount contributed this year is \$4,346.14 larger than the sum contributed in 1895, and this notwithstanding the financial stringency, to which some of the reports refer. Taking these things into consideration, perhaps the churches have done as well as might be expected, yet still not as well as they ought to have done, when we consider the needs of our Boards.

The increase of benevolence to other objects is \$827.88, and for congregational purposes \$2,466.35, giving a total increase in these matters of \$3,494.23. Thus the total amount contributed for all purposes is \$421,834.33, a less amount by \$14,793.13 than the grand total of the preceding year.

In concluding, we suggest that in the churches where it has not heretofore been done, the Consistorial report to the Classis be read to the congregation, and submit for the consideration of the Synod whether it would not be well to have the classical report on the state of religion read to each congregation of the Classis.

With sincere sorrow we record the departure of Prof. William R. Duryee, D.D., who for the period of 27 years was the beloved and

faithful pastor of the Church of Lafayette, in the South Classis of Bergen, before called to the professorship in Rutgers College, New Brunswick.

CHAS. I. SHEPARD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would report with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, a healthy spiritual condition among the churches of this Classis. 238 have been added to the membership on confession of faith, and 112 by letter. The church of New Durham is the banner church in this matter of additions, 93 having been received. Two churches without pastors report no accessions, and while spiritual results cannot always be reduced to arithmetic, these figures show that the power of the Holy Spirit has rested upon our churches and owned the faithful preaching of the Word.

In benevolences for denominational objects there has been a falling off of \$1,580, while there has been an increase of \$1,196 in other benevolent contributions. There has been an increase of 196 in the total enrollment, the number now being 3,580. An item worth emphasizing is the increase in the membership of the Sunday-schools, there being on the roll 6,270, an increase of 804. We note with pleasure that the church that has the smallest number of communicants, that of Spring Valley, reports the establishment of a Home Department, in which good work is being done. The church of Cherry Hill has found cottage prayer meetings useful in spiritual results, and the Committee commend this method of work to other churches.

The C. E. Society of the Palisades Church is the banner society of the State in the matter of giving, and is evidently an efficient arm of Christian work. Taken in all, this has been a good year of the Lord in all the departments of our church life. We append extracts from the reports of the individual churches:

First Hackensack reports that "all the departments of church work have been carried on with more than usual vigor. The Spirit of God has continued His presence in the awakening of sinners and the upbuilding of His people."

Schraalenburgh sends only statistics, but these show life and progress.

English Neighborhood.—"Our church is manifesting its life by a slow, but steady and healthful growth in every department of church work. Both pastor and people are united in the purpose to glorify Christ in building up His kingdom."

New Durham reports "a year of signal blessing. The accessions to the church have been the largest in any year of its history. The Sabbath-schools have grown until to-day they number 1,500 scholars, teachers and officers. The West Hoboken chapel has proved itself a good domestic field, and the thirty-five members received as well as the \$1,262 raised for congregational, and \$124 for denominational purposes are the good record of the work of the missionary pastor in this field."

First Hoboken "has had no regular pastor, but services have been sustained every Sabbath except during July and August. The feeling of unity is steadily bringing the people together, and is giving promise of growth in spiritual things."

Park Church, Jersey City, reports "in many respects a prosperous year. Our congregations are good, peace reigns among our members, and a spirit of work and consecration are manifest."

North Bergen says, "the pastor left for the Orient in February. The church is in a prosperous condition."

Second, Hackensack, shows prosperity and advance, having had an accession of twenty-seven.

German Evangelical, Hoboken, reports sixty-one received on confession.

Third, Hackensack, reports financial difficulties and discouragements, owing to hard times.

Closter says "the work of the church has been steadily carried forward. Results have not been very manifest, but we are by no means discouraged."

Palisades reports a considerable increase in the benefactions of the church. A delightful spirit of harmony prevails. The C. E. Societies, both senior and junior, are steadily growing in numbers, are thoroughly organized, and are doing a grand work along the various lines of social and church activities, and in contributions for the spread of the gospel.

Guttenberg "has had a year of peace and united labor which has greatly helped to consolidate church interests. Affairs are prospering, and God's blessing rests on the whole work of this church.

Central Avenue, Jersey City, presents a report which indicates progress and prosperity.

Secaucus is without a pastor, but services have been regularly maintained.

Cherry Hill.—"The work is fully organized, and all departments are well sustained. Much good has resulted from cottage prayer meetings and house to house visitation by a band of twenty-five workers."

Spring Valley reports : "Our services have grown in interest, and the attendance is more uniform. The prayer meetings have improved in numbers and in spirit. We can joyfully report a gain in practical things, that seems to testify to an increase in the spirit of service that the Master desires." The Sabbath-school of this church has organized a Home Department class which has proved a grand success.

Westwood.—"Though we cannot report a larger number of communicants this year than last, the regular services of the church have been maintained and well attended. The Sabbath-school has grown. The C. E. meetings are largely attended, and might well be called congregational meetings.

Oradell gives statistics only, but these are encouraging.

Hasbrouck Heights.—"The manifold blessings received and enjoyed demand our gratitude and praise. The gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," has been preached ; the precious seed has been sown. We are grateful for the past and hopeful for the future. We will continue to work and pray and patiently wait for the salvation of the Lord."

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. Edward G. Ackerman was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia, April 13, 1897.

The Rev. Charles L. Clist was received from the South Classis of Bergen April 13, 1897.

ARTHUR JOHNSON,

M. H. ANGELL,

Committee.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report : The reports from the churches are full of encouragement. Every church has a pastor, and the word of God is regularly preached. The changes of population have in some instances depleted our older organizations, while other congregations have profited by a growing neighborhood. Financial difficulties have embarrassed the treasury, but the work has been carried forward with earnest purpose and "good success."

Your committee report with mortification and regret that the South Bergen Church, finding it impossible to struggle longer with the debt upon their new church building, and unable to secure help from any denominational source, were compelled to ask our Classis to disband their organization. By the payment of their floating debt the First Congregational Church of Jersey City acquired the property, and the

larger number of members were dismissed to that organization. The loss of a church is a calamity to the Classis and denomination.

On the presentation of a letter expressing penitence and regret, the Rev. Julius Feicke, who had been suspended from the gospel ministry, was restored to regular ecclesiastical standing, and his name again placed upon the roll of ministers.

The Rev. Charles J. Allen was received from the Classis of Passaic, and installed pastor of the church of Greenville, June 5, 1896.

The Rev. Henry C. Cussler was received as a licentiate from the Classis of Greene, was examined for ordination, and was duly ordained to the gospel ministry, and installed as pastor of the Free Reformed Church June 16, 1896.

The pastoral relation between the South Bergen Church and Rev. W. D. Grant was dissolved November 25, 1896, the Rev. W. D. Grant remaining a minister of Classis without charge. The Rev. William R. Duryee, D.D., Professor in Rutgers College, died at New Brunswick, N. J.

Reports from the churches :

The Church of Bergen reports that at every communion new members have been added to the church ; in March thirty-one were received, twenty-eight on confession of faith. Every department of the work has been carried on with enthusiasm.

The First Church of Bayonne reports : Numerically, financially and spiritually, there has been a steady advance. At each communion there have been received members upon confession of faith in Christ, as well as by letter. All the organizations have done splendid service for the Master.

The Wayne Street Church reports : Despite the changed condition of lower Jersey City, Wayne Street Church still is able to keep her head above water.

The Bergen Point Church reports a quiet yet prosperous year. The means of grace generally have been fully appreciated, and the attendance at the regular Sabbath services larger than in several years. The various societies of the church have been industrious and successful.

The Second Church of Hudson City makes no report beyond the statistical tables. The figures show a gratifying prosperity.

The Church of Lafayette reports : The various departments of church work have been carried on harmoniously and faithfully. The meetings on the Sabbath have been well attended, and the evening attendance shows a gratifying increase. The report makes fitting and tender reference to the death of Rev. Wm. Rankin Duryee, D.D., pas-

tor of the church for 27 years. A bronze tablet will be shortly placed in the church in honor of this faithful servant of God.

The Church of Greenville reports both material and spiritual advance. Congregations are increasing. The spiritual awakening of the people, and their earnest work give promise of larger results than ever obtained. In membership we are eleven on the side of numerical gain.

The Free Church of Jersey City reports encouraging additions to membership. Consistory has voted for quarterly contributions to benevolence, which will appear in next report.

The Third Church of Bayonne makes no report beyond the tables. The pastor says "The church has held the fort during the year."

The First German Evangelical Church of Jersey City reports: The church is in prosperous condition. Peace and harmony prevail in all the different societies. Financially we have to struggle, therefore we could not devote much to other purposes.

St. John's German Evangelical Church reports: The great destitution of last winter compelled us to put all our money in the hands of the poor. Therefore we have given to none of the Boards.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EMIL A. MEURY,
CORNELIUS BRETT,
CHAS. J. ALLEN.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion, Classis of Monmouth:

In view of the statistical report just given, it would appear that the work of the churches under supervision of this Classis has been well and faithfully sustained throughout the year past. The decrease in additions to membership, and the increase of contributions for denominational and congregational purposes indicates either that more stress has been laid upon the cultivation of the grace of liberality among members, than seeking of greater numbers; or else that most of the available material was gathered in last year, leaving the work this year necessarily to be intensive rather than extensive.

The gain in membership, with the exception of two churches, Second Freehold and Asbury Park, has been nominal, dismissions and death leaving the totals about the same.

Most of the churches report effects of "hard times," but evidently the greater depression has called forth greater efforts with greater

results. One reports interest increasing and membership working as never before in the knowledge of the present pastor, another speaks of the continued interest and faithful efforts of the people although deprived of the pastor's presence and aid, sickness having compelled him to suspend work for a short season. Church improvements seem to be the order of the day, first being Holmdel with her handsomely appointed building free from debt, then contemplated improvements in Keyport, First and Second Freehold.

On the whole, your Committee would report the work of preaching the gospel to have been faithfully sustained, fruits of labors not being wanting, the ordinances and christian discipline receiving due and proper attention, benevolences generally looking up, missionary offerings especially increasing, while "strengthening the stakes" promises greater possibilities in the time to come.

Respectfullg submitted,

C. W. VAN ZEE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

Report of the Committee on State of Religion of the Classis of Newark, 1897 :

It seems to Your Committee in reviewing the past year that the words of Isaiah (58 : 11), describe the work : "And thou shalt be like a watered garden." Our Classis has been like a garden watered, not wet, but watered, not having the blessing in itself but a blessing poured upon it from above. Some of the labors of a careful gardener have been illustrated. One church, the First, has been transplanted to a more promising location. A church, Montclair Heights, has been planted, and we report this church for the first, feeling assured that it is of the Lord's planting. The Classis seems a garden, not a harvest field. There has been during the year the growth of the well cultivated plant, but not the noise and heat of reaper and thresher. The industrious pastors and members of churches, elders and deacons, have been acknowledged and blessed of the Christ.

In the life of the church as in nature, times are given for the growth beneath the ground in preparation for better bloom and fruitage after and even the frost and rest of one season, prepare through strengthening peace for the strain of the season of result.

There is apparent a most cordial and united spirit of devotion and zeal. The reports speak of the attendance upon worship and ordinances as very encouraging. The baptism of children seems to be

highly regarded. In one church the number, and that not in the larger congregations, of baptisms is one hundred and twenty.

There is also reported quite generally a deep and tender spirituality, and this together with an eagerness to work, show that though a year of quiet, it is a year of the power of God.

The growth of christian character is shown also by the beneficence of our people which has in some cases shown marked increase—one church, (Franklin) reporting that the denominational gifts have more than doubled, and another that it has \$7,100 in its faith fund, (East Orange). In all the contributions are liberal notwithstanding the financial depression.

Most of the churches of this Classis speak of the year as yielding good average fruitage, but this as the reports show means rather an earnest desire for greater usefulness than an admission of disappointment.

Special mention should be made of the following facts: First, the pastor of the Irvington Church says of his Sunday-school: "It is growing, and about forty scholars have expressed a desire for salvation. The pastor has formed these into a Prayer Band where they are drilled in the catechism, and learn to pray and give their testimony in public."

The splendid record of the North Church with seventy-two admissions, \$8,703.30 contributed to denominational objects, and \$1,783.29 for other objects would attract attention but that such things have become so common with them as to be passed without notice.

The Clinton Avenue Church is a "hive of industry," and closes the year with a surplus in its treasury.

Christ Church has been depressed by the continued sickness of that strong man physically, mentally and spiritually who has not only helped but carried the church. We fear that even when he recovers he will not be able to take the responsibilities he has in the past. Yet the work has been full of hope, and we ask the prayerful sympathy of the Classis.

The New York Avenue Church reports that contributions for missions and other causes have been increased, and there are signs of prosperity still continued to that church, which has such a bright history.

The West Newark German Church acknowledges gratefully the help it has received from the New York Avenue church and also through the personal interest of its pastor, Rev. J. S. Allen, who with Elder Dawson of the Clinton Avenue Church, has visited them.

The Stone House Plains Church has shown its liberality in giving

valuable members to form the new church of Montclair Heights, and one elder, VanRiper, has given with himself a lot valued at \$2,500 to that church, organized, March 18, 1897. They have also received a valuable gift from the Misses Hooper.

The German Churches are struggling with difficulties, financial and other, but are gaining and deserve the hearty sympathy of the Classis, as no churches are more loyal or have a more important mission than they.

The Belleville and Trinity (Plainfield) Churches have maintained if not excelled the average, which is always high.

Trinity, (Newark), has fought a good fight on a difficult field.

Isaiah (58 : 11) goes on to say thou shalt be like "a spring of water whose waters fail not." This is the law of the spiritual kingdom. "When thou art converted strengthen thy brethren." The thrifty plant should bear fruit. To the woman of Samaria it was said "The water * * * shall be in him a well of water springing up." By the blessing of God we are to be a source after being a recipient. Surely then we may hope that in the year to come blessings may through us fall upon others, and that many may be gathered in and made fruitful. All which is respectfully submitted.

I. V. W. SCHENCK,

For Committee on State of Religion.

East Orange, N. J., April 13, 1897.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—July 1st, 1896, the licentiate A. D. Baldwin was dismissed to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Sept. 1st, 1896, the pastoral relation between the Rev. D. H. Chrestensen and the Reformed Church at Irvington, was dissolved.

Nov. 2d, 1896, the licentiate H. C. Willoughby, was dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia.

On the same date Rev. C. E. Wyckoff was received from the South Classis of Long Island, and on Dec. 17, 1896, he was installed as pastor of the Reformed Church at Irvington.

March 18, 1897, a Reformed Church was organized at Montclair Heights.

April 13th, 1897, Rev. Henry Merle Mellen was received from the Presbytery of Newark.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Report on the State of Religion. Adopted April 20th, 1897.

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report that the usual Consistorial Reports have come in from all the churches of the

Classis. In accordance with usage, significant extracts from these are appended to this report. Accordingly your Committee do not report them here, but content themselves with a general statement, drawn from a careful examination of their details.

T. C. There seems great reason for encouragement. Two of the churches, those of Hillsborough and Bound Brook, speak of special and most encouraging advance, while the remainder report that all goes well with them. While there has been marked religious interest developed in some of our congregations, no striking ingatherings are reported. Most of the congregations have felt the financial stringency of the last year, and show it in somewhat diminished contributions. But in all of them this diminution has been less than might have been expected, and benevolent contributions have not lessened in proportion with money raised for congregational purposes.

B. The closing portion of the report from Suydam street church of New Brunswick, calls the attention of Classis to a most important and difficult subject.

First New Brunswick.—The church is in a healthy condition. The Sunday-school in its four departments; the C. E. senior and junior; the three missionary societies, and other lesser circles, have shown a vigor and earnestness which are very commendable. There have been accessions to the church at every communion. Facilities for greater social intercourse have been increased by building a kitchen under the chapel.

Six Mile Run.—The church services, Sunday-schools, missionary societies, and the C. E. Society have been well sustained, and a commendable interest taken therein; and it is believed there has been profit and growth. We are happy to note that the very hard conditions affecting the agricultural interests of our people have not to a greater degree affected the benevolent gifts of the people.

Hillsborough.—The Lord has blessed us in ways innumerable. Our gifts for "benevolence" have increased. There has more gone this year for "denominational objects," and less for "other objects," which really means a better knowledge of the needs of, and a deeper consecration to, the Reformed Church. Death and dismissals have lowered our number of communicants. Still, God has not left us without a witness.

Middlebush.—The church has been prosperous. The audiences on the Lord's Day have been encouraging, and harmony has prevailed. The financial depression has been more felt this year than formerly. But, notwithstanding, the spirit of benevolence is on the increase, and

the loyalty of the people to all the interests of the old church makes us hopeful for the future.

Griggstown.—The past year has been one of patient continuance in well-doing rather than a time of refreshing from on high. The congregation has gone forward faithfully and bravely notwithstanding financial embarrassment. The Sabbath services have been well attended. The work among the young people of the C. E. Society and the Sunday-schools is still encouraging.

Second, New Brunswick.—The losses by death and removal are unusually heavy. To counterbalance these, the additions have also been larger than ever, so that the actual number of communicants remains about the same. The week of prayer was observed by nightly meetings for the deepening of the spiritual life. The usual harmony has prevailed. One of our members expects to sail for India, as a missionary, in a few months. The congregation has taken great pleasure in providing for her passage to the field, independent of the Board.

Bound Brook.—The attendance has greatly increased. The observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the church stimulated the love and devotion of the members. A new chapel has been built, enlarging the church and increasing immensely its usefulness and comfort.

Third, New Brunswick.—Makes no detailed report beyond its statistical table.

East Millstone.—Harmony prevails, and the candle of the Lord burns brightly in its place. The attendance at the morning service for months has exceeded the average. The Sabbath-school is in excellent condition. The church feels the financial stress.

Metuchen.—The church is in a period of transition, through causes altogether beyond our control. The services of several of our most efficient workers have been lost to us by deaths and removals. But whatever conditions may appear unfavorable are, at the worst, only temporary. The Sabbath-school has grown very much; there are being trained those who will be valuable workers in years to come.

Suydam St., New Brunswick.—The year has been marked by steady growth. There is a marked increase in the membership, in the Sunday-school, and in the effective work of all the societies and organizations in the church. There have been accessions at every communion.

The one important problem yet unsolved by the church is the Sunday-school. As soon as the scholars are twenty years old they drop out. We devise many plans to prevent this, but as yet, have not been

successful. It ought to be brought to the attention of General Synod, as a most important question for its consideration.

Highland Park.—This church sends no report other than its statistical table. It has just settled a pastor, and its prospects are encouraging.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. Alexander S. Van Dyck has been received from the North Classis of Long Island and installed as minister of the church of Highland Park. The candidate, Hobart E. Studley, was ordained to the ministry and has gone to the Amoy Mission, China, under appointment by our Board of Foreign Missions.

MANCIUS H. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Your committee on the State of Religion would report as follows :

The reports that have been received from the several churches do not entitle us to over-congratulation on the record of the past year. It is true such reports of necessity are not always a fair revelation of the exact status in the churches ; sometimes undue modesty forbids the best to be fully told, though more usually perhaps these reports show as creditably as possible such results as can be reported. It is consequently something of a disappointment to your committee that notwithstanding the past winter has in so many localities been one of marked spiritual blessings and profound awakening, only three churches of our classis make any reference to especial spiritual interest, while the actual numbers added to the communion of the church is twenty per cent. less than the corresponding number that were reported a year ago. On the other hand all of our churches (so far as reports are at hand) with a single exception, have been blessed with additions by confession of faith in Christ. Let us pray for one another the more fervently and bear each other's flock more frequently before the throne of him who is able to do for us "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

The universal financial depression has had greater effect upon our churches than a year ago ; our contributions in no line equaling those of last year ; while the offerings for benevolent objects are more than a thousand dollars or eleven per cent. less than the similar offerings of the former year. In some churches the decrease has been large, owing at least in one instance, we are thinking, to building operations at home. In but five has there been a gain at such offerings, namely :—Acquackanonck, Hawthorne, Pascack, North Paterson and Ramapo.

We notice several churches have given more to objects other than denominational than to our own boards. With the great need of money to carry on our own work our congregations should certainly be as careful as possible to divert no more of our wealth from denominational channels than circumstances necessitate.

The several churches furnish us with the following account of themselves.

Acquackanonk reports large attendance upon the services of God's house on the Sabbath and during the week. " 'The unity of the spirit' has been kept 'in the bond of peace' evidences of material prosperity and of spiritual blessing have not been lacking." A revision in the church roll has reduced the total number in communion reported.

Centerville laments the inability to report any additions to its membership, which is the more painfully felt because there are young people growing up in the Sabbath-school, where character and position in life are rapidly becoming fixed. A number of the reported members have been absent from the services or the place for a year or longer; the others are active workers in the church, its Sabbath-school and Young Peoples' Society. The founder of the church has continued to bear a very large proportion of the expense of church support. The "envelope system" is in satisfactory operation.

Clarkstown is glad of the evidence of God's presence with them in the work of advancing His Kingdom in the world. "The services of the sanctuary are well attended and the spiritual life of the congregation is in a fair condition."

Clifton has "been blessed with some additions by letter and on confession, and hopes for a larger return in the future from the seed sown in public and private." A Protestant Episcopal organization has recently been effected in Clifton and the church and Sabbath-school have experienced some loss in consequence.

Garfield has felt the need of a pastor; all services have been continued, however, as usual, the pulpit being regularly filled by supplies.

Glen Rock has made no report at this writing.

Hawthorne.—Despite the fact that the prevailing financial depression has been greatly felt and "no work, no money" been the plea of many "yet the sums contributed have met all demands and reduced their debt considerably." The church has felt the loss of families by removal whose places have not been filled. "All things considered the year has been an encouraging one. The attendance is on the whole good. The interest increasing. The outlook very hopeful."

Lodi, 1st Holland, sends no report additional to the statistics.

Lodi 2nd, reports inability during the past year to meet current expenses, the benevolent contributions showing a similar marked decrease, nor is the prospect encouraging in temporal matters for the immediate future. "In spiritual matters" the report adds "we feel very much encouraged. Our church services were never so well attended as at present." A wonderful interest is taken in the prayer meetings, and in recent weeks at least one young man has, in these meetings, accepted Christ.

Nyack reports: "The church has not been blessed with large accessions during the year but has been favored in God's providence in the loss of only two members by death. An effort on the part of consistory to have non-resident members take letters to churches where they now attend, has been in a measure successful, and has resulted in a large total of dismissals for the year. The regular work of the church and its various organizations has been faithfully carried on. A chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has been formed with a membership of sixteen."

Paramus reports: "Many special services were held during the fall and winter and the church seemed much quickened for a time. A few excellent converts have been gathered but the number has not met our hope. We are still looking for larger results. We especially deplore an apparent lack of spiritual interest among the young people. Externally the church is prosperous."

Pascack says that "the preaching of the word has been blessed. Souls have been added to the church. The various societies connected with the church have been active in church work." Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition.

Passaic, 1st Holland, is "glad to be able to report a healthful growth, faithful attendance at the services upon the Sabbath, a kindly spirit among the congregation, and a pleasing and hopeful prospect for material and spiritual progress."

Passaic, North, laments no special manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence in conversion of souls, but rejoices God has not left them without tokens of his love. They report that in nearly every case of persons received upon confession of their faith, they have been heads of families. The departments of work in the church have been well organized and the benevolences of the year compare favorably with the past.

Paterson, Broadway, declares that "the hopes which were born with the new pastorate a year ago, have fully materialized. A new chapel has been built and all bills paid. The introduction of General Synod's plan of systematic beneficence has proved a success and finances are

in a very satisfactory condition. Perfect unanimity exists. A very marked deepening of spiritual life began with the week of prayer and is still manifesting itself in the prayer meeting and all public services."

Paterson, 1st Holland, has had a year of quiet and study growth. Though there have not been as many accessions as last year there have been evidences of a deeper spiritual life in many members and a general faithfulness in attendance at the services. Many of the congregation were "thrown out of work during the stringent times, but notwithstanding this they have successfully supported the church and besides contributed about \$150 to pay the old debt" on their property.

Paterson, North, says: "The work never looked so bright as now. The people are working with a will. A Junior and Senior C. E. Society have been organized and the interest is deep. We look forward to a year of good work for the Master.

Paterson, Second, reports: "We have held our own spiritually and have met the deficiencies in our finances occasioned by the stringency of the times, so that in this respect we are in a better condition than we have been since 1893; while in our benevolent work denominational and city we exceed last year by \$224.64; and for congregational purposes, \$887.54.

Piermont sends nothing in addition to its statistical report.

Ramapo reports good congregations, two prayer meetings each week, both well sustained, and the C. E. Society active and doing valuable service for God.

Ridgewood finds that, though two new churches of other denominations have been organized in their village within five years which naturally would effect the growth of the church, they have recuperated within six months and notice a healthful increase along all lines. Church attendance is large; Sabbath-school and C. E. Societies are strong and active and liberal contributors toward the church benevolences. They are "developing the matter of systematic beneficence" and hopefully expect a large increase in contributions for denominational objects.

Saddle River feels that the work done the past year has been encouraging. "There has been a quiet and steady advancement both in spiritual matters and church attendance, and encouraged by the harmony and good feeling prevalent" are looking forward hopefully.

Spring Valley speaks of the work of the several societies of the church as having been done with "commendable regularity and dili-

gence" but finds nothing to have occurred during the year that calls for more special mention.

Tappan says, that the "Sunday-school is in better condition than in any previous year." The regular prayer meetings of the church and the women's prayer meeting "are well sustained and are among the encouraging features of their church life." The Women's Missionary Society "is alert and abreast of the times." "The Christian Endeavor Society is interesting the young people and the attendance upon the usual church services is on the increase."

Warwick reports a marked spiritual growth; that "in the opening of the year a series of meetings for two weeks were held for the deepening of the spiritual life that for a number are memorable days of privilege. The weekly prayer meeting has commanded a large attendance, the church organizations have done good work, and are sufficiently numerous to offer an opportunity for active service to every member of the church." A modified form of the "envelope system" has been recently adopted, the result of which has thus far been satisfactory.

West New Hempstead reports everything to have gone regularly and harmoniously. "Death has taken away some, dismissions have transferred some; and some have been added, with the result that the number of families is one less than last year while the membership remains the same."

Wortendyke, Holland, finds their gains nearly balanced by losses largely through removal. They regret that no report is made of contributions for denominational or benevolent purposes. The Lord has, however, laid upon them a costly burden in the care of a sister whose husband has become incapacitated, a work for which they should have credited themselves in the statistical table. They are hoping this coming year will enable them "to meet their duties in relation to the church in general."

The following ministerial changes have occurred:—

May 14, 1896, the Rev. Martin Flipse was received from the classis of Albany and installed pastor of the First Holland Reformed Church, of Passaic, N. J.

June 29, 1896, the students, Frederick Dekker and Tunis H. Hoonte were licensed to preach the gospel. The 21st of the following July Mr. Frederick Dekker was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the Reformed Church at Wortendyke, N. J.; the 22nd of the same month, Mr. Tunis H. Hoonte was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed pastor of the First Holland Reformed Church at Lodi, N. J.

Oct. 20, 1896, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Geo. G. Seibert and the First Reformed Church, of Garfield, N. J., was dissolved and Mr. Seibert was dismissed to the Classis of Schenectady. All of which is respectfully submitted.

TABER KNOX, *Chairman.*

EDWARD S. KALSTON.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

The Committee of the Classis of Passaic on the State of Religion, begs leave to report that all the churches have been heard from, although three of these failed to give important statistics. The churches of Fairfield and Sixth Holland, of Paterson, have no figures in the column for Number of Families, and Boonton leaves a blank in contributions for congregational purposes. In order to make our report to-day somewhat uniform, we have filled out these omissions from the Statistical Table of last year. The remarks added to the statistics throughout are shorter than usual; whereas, three of the churches, viz.; Second Little Falls, Sixth Holland, of Paterson, and Ponds, send only statistics.

If then, we foot up the tabular columns, we have the following decreases, viz.: 42 families, 5 died, 6 baptized infants, 11 adults, 154 Sabbath-school enrollment, and \$276.06 for denominational benevolence. While the increases are, 8 received on confession, 20 received on certificate, 18 dismissed, 5 suspended, 220 total in communion, 161 baptized non-communicants, 245 catechumens, \$248.72 for other than denominational objects, and \$694.83 for congregational purposes.

On the whole, therefore, from this review it will be seen that the returns from the churches are more or less favorable than otherwise, particularly when we take into account the extreme financial depression that has prevailed.

Moreover, *they say* that financial straits sometimes quicken spiritual interest. This would seem to be true to some extent in the present instance, as we have 120 more in our church membership than last year. Such a theory, however, is only partially borne out when we take the separate cases of the various churches which have added most names to their rolls.

Three of the churches of the Classis at this writing, we are sorry to say, are vacant. One of these has been vacant since its organization several years ago. Another, which has been supplied for a few years, expects soon to have a pastor. While the third, which has only re-

cently become vacant, the oldest church in the Classis, ought to, and we trust shortly will have an under-shepherd. To offset all this, one church which was vacant a year ago, has since secured the services of an acceptable man.

We will let the individual churches now speak for themselves.

Boonton.—"The usual ordinances regularly maintained, and all the organizations in successful operation."

Fairfield.—This church is and for several months has been without a pastor, yet all the services have been maintained and fairly attended. It is expected that a pastor, however, will soon be settled over this flock.

First Little Falls.—"The condition of the church has improved both financially and spiritually. The attendance at the Sunday services has increased, and the weekly prayer meeting is well maintained. Of the 21 who have united with the church during the year, eleven are young men who are taking an active place in the church work. The C. E. Society and Sunday-school are both growing."

Second, Little Falls.—This church deserves credit for doing as well as it does without a pastor.

Montville reports progress in every direction. A Home Department of the Sunday-school has been organized, numbering about 60 pupils, and is in a flourishing condition. A Junior C. E. Society has been organized, and is doing a good work. "But the best of all," the pastor writes, "the Holy Spirit is with us, and has set His seal upon His own word and work."

Sixth Holland Church.—This church shows an increase especially in the membership, the reports of this year and last year evidently not having been made out on the same basis. There is also an increase in the number of baptized non-communicants, catechumens, S. S. enrollment, and amount raised for congregational purposes. A notable falling off is observed in contributions for benevolence.

People's Park rejoices in having had enough money to pay running expenses. Spiritually too, the church has been blessed.

Pompton is grateful for the Lord's presence and blessing. The result of a series of extra meetings in the early winter was especially encouraging in an increased number of conversions. There has likewise been an advance in contributions for denominational benevolence; but the hard times have prevented improvements on church property somewhat, and hence less money has been raised for congregational purposes.

Pompton Plains has been without a pastor for more than half the year; but there has been an increased attendance at the services since a

pastor was secured. All the church organizations are doing a good work.

Ponds would have been well enough off if her pastor had remained. No remarks accompany the report from this church, and consequently we can judge only from the figures which present a good showing.

Preakness has had a year of steady and encouraging work. Increased benevolence, but smaller contributions for congregational purposes. A good spirit prevails.

Riverside, Paterson.—This church has more than held her own all along the line. "A year of healthful progress. Activity pervades every department of church work and life." The Sunday-school is of great promise. The presence of the Holy Spirit is manifest in the size of the congregations and the attention given to the preaching. Offerings have been made to all the Boards and Funds of the church.

First, Totowa.—"The year has been one of activity, devotion, and growth. With united heart and voice we would say: 'Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name.'"

Union Reformed, Paterson.—"This church has been blessed with the ordinary means of grace with their usual results." There has been a slight growth. More than usual has been given to the poor, but evidently from her report in other respects the church cannot consistently plead poverty.

Wyckoff now holds two weekly prayer meetings instead of one, and the attendance at all the services has been encouraging. A good work is being done.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—The Rev. J. S. Hogan was received Jan. 5, '97, from the Classis of Montgomery, and installed Jan. 26, '97, over the church of Pompton Plains. The Rev. Geo. H. Peeke having concluded his engagement with the church of Fairfield, Nov. 8, 1896, was dismissed Apr. 13, 1897, to the Presbytery of Newark. The pastoral relation of the Rev. C. L. Palmer and the church of Ponds was dissolved Mch. 15, '97, to take effect Mch. 31st, '97, and he was given a letter of dismission to the Classis of Montgomery. Rev. A. A. Zabriskie was received Mch. 15, 1897, from the Classis of Dakota.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LABAW, *Chairman.*

G. H. PEEKE,

G. BLANTEN.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Committee on State of Religion would report that this year there has been a gain of 47 families, and an increase of 39 communicants. There has been a falling off of 503 in our Sunday-school enrollment. Our contributions for denominational and other objects, notwithstanding the prevailing financial depression, are only \$2.34 less than last year. The reports of the various churches of the Classis give us some idea of their condition and promise :

North and South Hampton.—Has nothing special to report for the year just closed. All the departments of her work have been regularly maintained, all services have been well attended, and there has seemed to be a good healthy interest in spiritual things. At each communion service some have united on confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Offerings for benevolence show an encouraging interest in the work of the church at large, while funds have been contributed promptly to meet all the demands of the Home Work. For all of this they are sincerely grateful to their Covenant Keeping God.

Harlingen presents its annual report with expressions of gratitude to the Great Head of the church for his presence and blessings vouchsafed thro' the year. Ten have been received upon confession, and seven by certificate into her communion. She reports that her church services have been well attended and all church expenses met, that every object of benevolence claiming her attention has been faithfully presented with as good a result, as could be reasonably expected, under the existing depression in agricultural communities.

Neshanic sees no difference in the spiritual condition of her church from what it was last year. The attendance upon church services and prayer meetings, has been excellent. The C. E. Society also has a large mid-week service. She reports fourteen accessions to her membership, ten of which were by confession, but also mentions the loss of a large number by death, and a few by dismissal, so that there has been an increase in her communion over last year of only two (2). She states that her contributions to benevolence are possibly some little below last year, and also those to denominational objects, but not from lack of interest, but of money. Upon a review of the year she feels that she has reason for gratitude and joy that her labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

First, Philadelphia, reports as follows :—The year has been occupied in laying foundations for the work in the new location to which the church was transplanted, and has been marked by the faithfulness and loyalty of the people, and an encouraging degree of success especially in Sunday-school work. The church services have been regularly

attended, and the people have cheerfully responded to the necessities arising from the change of location.

Second, Philadelphia, sends no report.

Fourth, Philadelphia, sends statistical table only.

Blawenburgh reports progress during the past year and says the number received on confession into our church, considering our limited field is encouraging. Considerable interest was manifested during the week of prayer and the succeeding one when special services were held. The hard times have somewhat crippled the church and the failure of a much trusted man in the neighborhood for \$130,000, has financially prostrated a number of our people.

Stanton reports statistics only.

Clover Hill speaks of financial difficulties. Since the first of last October the church has been vacant, but the pulpit has been supplied every Sabbath by candidates and others. A call has recently been made to the Rev. E. G. Ackerman and accepted by him, and the church expresses the hope of success in the future thro' the divine blessing upon the labors of the one they have selected as their spiritual leader and who is soon to be installed as their pastor.

Rocky Hill says, our church is one of three in the village which is for location like the hub of a wheel the spokes of which are cut off short by other churches near by us. Like many other country churches it is likely to become more weak, because of the fact that a foreign element is settling within our bounds where once supporters of the church resided. Improvements on our chapel and parsonage have been made this year rendering our church property still more attractive. God has taken to himself as many as united with the church this year, but those of us who remain are united in the work seeking the Spirit's continued guidance.

Fifth, Philadelphia, reports, all our church work has been maintained as in former years, but we regret that our benevolence is a little less than last year owing to enforced idleness by the business depression. Our Sabbath services are well attended and the gospel message received. The pastor has nearly completed a pastorate of 18 years, which covers more than half of the history of the church. Our young people are regularly instructed.

Addisville tells us that a delightful harmony continues, that the attendance seems to be on the increase. Special meetings were held in January which were enjoyed by God's people; the full fruitage has not been gathered yet, but their faith in God is firm and they are looking to the Lord of the harvest for the increase.

Three Bridges reports a good degree of spirituality and faithful at-

tendance at the various services. They have now a promising Junior C. E. Society. Efforts are being made to make repairs on the church edifice and to pay the balance of a mortgage on the parsonage, \$500 of which mortgage was paid last year.

Talmage Memorial only gives the following: Of the \$1,751.38 raised for congregational purposes, \$500 was raised thro' a special effort to liquidate a floating debt.

South, Philadelphia, gives a "revised report." The church having recently come into our denomination, and until now having had no pastor brought up in our denomination, did not exactly understand about either the reception or dismissal of members.

Ecclesiastical Changes have occurred as follows:—On June 19th, 1896, the pastoral relation between the South Phila. Reformed Church and the Rev. Joseph Duckedorth was dissolved. On July 23d, 1896, the licentiate Mr. Addison C. Bird was received from the Classis of Westchester and on the same day was ordained and installed as pastor of the church at Stanton, N. J.

On Oct. 13th, 1896, the Rev. N. I. M. Bogert was at his own request released from the pastorate of the church at Clover Hill, N. J.

On Nov. 5th, 1896, the licentiate H. C. Willoughby was received from the Classis of Newark and ordained and installed over the Talmage Memorial Church, Phila.

On Jan. 8th, 1897, the Rev. E. W. Greene was received from the Classis of Albany, and on Jan. 15th, installed as pastor of the Second Reformed Church of Phila.

On March 30th, 1897, the Rev. Charles S. Wyckoff was received from the North Classis of Long Island and installed as pastor of the South Philadelphia Reformed Church.

O. J. HOGAN, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion presents the following review of the reports received from the churches:

First, Raritan.—Our new church building nears completion. We hope to dedicate in May. The year has been, from a financial point of view, the largest in our history. With more than \$17,000 already paid in for building purposes alone, and with a total of \$28,000 contributed for various purposes this two years past, it would seem as if we might thank God and take courage. We make grateful record also of the full maintenance of our benevolent contributions, and of the reception of an average of seven new members at every communion.

Readington.—Though the year has been one of severe trial for our church because of the depressed condition of agricultural pursuits, yet it ends with an outlook somewhat more hopeful. The week of prayer proved a great quickener of the spiritual life of believers. While one year ago the impulse of the people seemed to be towards retrenchment in every direction, the disposition at the present time is towards enlargement.

Bedminster.—We have enjoyed a year of uninterrupted prosperity. All our expenses have been promptly met and all the benevolent causes of our denomination have received an amount about equal to our annual average. Our new church edifice will be complete in a few weeks.

Lebanon.—The attendance at the regular services has been exceptionally large. The interest in all departments of christian service unabated. There has been a deeper interest in Sabbath-school work than in previous years. Peace and harmony prevail.

Rockaway.—We rejoice in that the word has been faithfully proclaimed to large and attentive congregations. Peace and harmony prevail. The health of the church, spiritually, is encouraging. A Jr. C. E. has been organized during the year, and is doing good work for Christ and His Church. The future is full of promise.

North Branch.—The attendance at public church services is habitually good, and a prevailing interest in the word and ordinances prevails. The attendance at the week of prayer meetings was unusually large. At our March communion we had the pleasure of receiving 15 upon confession of their faith in Christ, making 18 for the year, all young and giving fair promise of useful service in the Lord's work.

Second, Raritan.—With profound gratitude to God we report another year of church prosperity. The various services have been well sustained. The Sunday-school continues to grow, particularly in the in the Home Department. Contributions to the Board and funds of the church and other benevolent objects are fully up to those of last year. We have reduced the debt upon our new edifice about \$3,000, leaving the amount of debt at present \$14,000. To meet this we have assets in unpaid subscriptions and land unsold sufficient, when realized, to pay it in full.

Peapack.—The Consistory takes pleasure in announcing a continuance of the enjoyment of the Divine favor. The same spirit of cordial sympathy and christian fellowship among the members, as well as interest in the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom, here and elsewhere, that has characterized the church in the past, is still maintained. The societies of the church are in good working order, the King's Daugh-

ters Society being especially worthy of mention for the work they have done and are doing for the poor and needy in the City of Brooklyn and elsewhere.

South Branch.—It has been a good year with us. Pastor and people have been encouraged and strengthened for service. God's blessing has been bestowed beyond our measure of faith in the enrichment and conversion of souls, and the support of the gospel at home and abroad. With no debt, no discord, no harrassing discouragements we begin another year hopefully and praise the Lord for what he has done.

Third, Raritan.—We are glad to report a year fairly prosperous for our church in both spiritual and temporal things. We have added to our number 23 on confession and 10 on certificate. Our Sunday-school has been prosperous. Our C. E. Society has maintained its place, and recently, interest in its work and meetings has been increased. The Junior Society has proved a great benefit to the boys and girls attending its meetings. The coming year will be the fiftieth since the church was organized. We are hoping to have a prosperous year, and I believe that we shall have abundant reason to thank the Lord for his goodness to us.

Pottersville.—The spiritual condition of the church as evidenced in the interest and attention upon its services, is healthy. The year has been a quiet one, and uneventful, but of strength and confidence.

High Bridge.—Sends statistics only.

Annandale.—Every department of our church is in a vigorous condition. Our Sunday-school maintains the high standard of former years. The Ladies Aid Society has done noble service in repairing and refitting the church, and a new bell has been put into position. The Jr. C. E., not yet a year old, numbers over 60 members, and its weekly meetings are replete with interest; the Senior C. E. has lost none of its efficiency, but has rather expanded its vigor. Of \$1,700 debt which has been hanging over our church, \$900 has been paid during the year.

Fourth, Raritan.—By a review of the past year we have to thank God for the grace and help received from him, and with increased hope and faith we look towards the future.

I think all christian workers must feel that the greatest danger connected with christian work, is not the success which may accompany our labors while we are engaged in it, but in the hour when we begin to review it, and prepare ourselves to give a report about it. I always tremble for any man who has to give an account of his work, especially if that has been successful. If it has been unsuccessful, there is enough to humble anyone of ordinary christian sensitiveness. God

knows what a burden it is when a man has sought to do his duty in serving his Master, and has gone forth in the confidence that that Master would be at his side, and yet has seen little or no result. There is enough to keep any man humble in such circumstances. The christian worker does not always want to be prayed for that he may be kept humble. He may be in urgent need of that prayer if great success has accompanied his work, but if there be non-success, it is often far more needful to pray that the Lord should encourage and uphold him.

But when a successful christian worker or a prosperous church has to issue a report, one always feels that just then, if ever, there is a chance for the devil quietly to step in and make that man self-satisfied, or that church vain-glorious, by making them forgetful of the power which has sustained, and the conditions upon which that power was given.

In reporting our work we are apt to miss the spiritual significance of it ; something startling, or out of the common, is what charms us as a rule. We are far too apt to rejoice in the demonstrative side of our work, rather than in its spiritual realizations. If on the contrary we have nothing startling, or out of the common to report, how frequently we become dispondent, and are ready to stick in the mud. But let us never forget that we are but the instruments, and that the work is Christ's, and therefore, must in the end succeed. Not "Well done, *successful*" but "Well done, good and *faithful* servant," shall be the ultimate verdict.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Rev. A. L. Mershon was received by certificate from the Classis of New Brunswick ; and was installed pastor of the church of Annandale. The graduate of our Theological Seminary, in New Brunswick, Isaac Messler, was examined and licensed to preach the gospel.

Rev. B. C. Miller, Jr., was dismissed to the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Minor Swick was received by certificate from the Classis of Rensselaer.

H. P. LYMAN WHEATON, *Chairman.*



STATISTICAL TABLES.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.				Total now in Communion.	BAPT.		No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.				
				On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.		Died.	Infants.					Adults.	Denominational Objects.		Other Objects.			
First, Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	225	30	10	3	1	6	524	10	1	230	400	2	600	\$1,177 00	\$ 661 00	\$4,263 00	Hackensack, N. J.			
Schnaalenburgh	Geo. H. Cotton	105	5	10	5	1	1	140	5	1	18	30	1	170	256 54	80 85	1,767 58	Schnaalenburgh, "			
English Neighborhood	Marcus J. Roop	55	3	1	1	1	1	61	1	1	18	20	1	104	29 00	.....	1,265 34	Ridgefield, "		
New Durham	{ Isaac W. Gowen } { W. R. Ackert Ass't }	250	66	27	8	1	6	516	47	7	267	80	2	1,500	1,315 00	302 00	3,800 00	Weehawken, "			
First, Hoboken	J. Francis Morgan	40	3	6	1	1	3	87	2	2	100	30	1	130	9 50	.....	618 23	Hoboken, "		
Park Ch. Jersey City	John Justin	190	19	16	6	1	5	340	17	2	100	27	1	446	213 31	33 17	4,422 46	281 Pavonia ave., J. City, N. J.			
North Bergen	Arthur Johnson	70	11	16	5	3	3	92	13	2	.....	27	1	300	878 71	1,862 17	2,318 36	Weehawken, "		
Second, Hackensack	John Rudolph	190	11	16	5	3	3	409	15	2	.....	255	2	650	104 57	620 50	5,250 00	248 Garden st., Hoboken, N. J.		
German Ev. Hoboken	John Bombin	255	61	20	28	5	28	507	262	8	.....	7	2	90	145	124 00	500 00	Hackensack, "		
Third, Hackensack	Henry Ward, (s. c.)	60	1	1	1	1	1	5	60	.....	38	90	1	145	124 00	24 00	1,676 79	Closter, "		
Closter	Artemas Dean	70	2	3	1	1	1	130	3	3	60	120	1	133	178 39	568 25	937 57	Fort Lee, "			
Palisades	Wm. Manchec, (s. s.)	56	2	5	1	1	1	68	23	0	.....	20	1	200	38 21	41 25	868 00	Passaic, "		
Guttenberg	Chas. S. Wright	33	4	1	1	1	1	55	0	2	.....	322	1	592	164 00	.....	3,787 00	87 Bowers st., Jersey City, N. J.	
Central av. Jersey City	Abram Durryce	130	19	9	8	1	3	223	16	4	.....	75	1	157	97 58	16 94	1,731 35	Cherry Hill, N. J.		
Cherry Hill .....	.....	65	6	6	4	1	84	20	2	0	.....	1	1	80	.....	.....	200 00	Secaucus, "
Secaucus .....	.....	20	20	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	.....	1	1	45	274 03	23 70	281 75	Maywood, "	
Spring Valley	D. M. Talmage	20	1	1	1	1	2	94	2	2	.....	1	1	218	274 03	78 08	1,475 02	Westwood, "		
Westwood	John T. E. DeWitt	75	1	1	1	1	1	68	7	3	30	100	1	153	283 72	59 38	2,089 97	Oradell, "			
Oradell	Chas. I. Shepard	65	1	1	1	1	1	68	7	3	24	50	1	100	19 50	12 25	1,314 11	Hasbrouck Heights, "			
Hasbrouck Heights.....	.....	65	1	1	1	1	1	68	7	3	24	50	1	100	19 50	12 25	1,314 11	Hasbrouck Heights, "		
Total.....		2,044	238	112	70	264	13,586	504	35	937	1,626	24	6,270	\$5,171 15	\$4,388 54	\$44,633 90					

Other Ministers.—James H. Ballagh, Yokahama, Japan; Henry Mattice, Neperan, N. Y.; Charles L. Clist, Harrington Park, N. J.

Candidates.—Carl Krause, Robert W. Blake.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Other Ministers.—James L. Amerman, Assistant Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 25 East 22d street, New York City ; Rev. Julius Fiecke, New York City.
Candidates.—Edward Meury, Jersey City, N. J. ; Robert Thomas Wilson, Bayonne, N. J.

† Revised List. † Last year's report.

* Pastor Emeritus.

† Revised List.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.							C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.	
First, Freehold.	Charles W. Van Zee	100	3	3	2	3	3	210	3	3	.....	81	2	168	\$174 80	\$ 41 19	*\$7,613 63	Marlboro, Mon. Co., N. J.
Holmdel.	Garret Wyckoff	65	1	6	1	4	176	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	127	448 00	22 00	19,140 67	Holmdel,
Spotswood ..	J. O. Bayles ..	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	90	49 38	12 00	800 00	Spotswood, Middlesex Co.
Middletown.	P. K. Hageman ..	40	3	4	.....	.....	117	3	2	40	.....	60	1	70	105 08	40 00	1,535 34	Middletown, Mon. Co., N. J.
Sec'nd, Freehold	L. P. Brokaw ..	135	16	4	8	110	350	7	9	.....	.....	175	1	225	669 00	64 00	2,606 00	Freehold, Mon. Co., N. J.
Keyport.	J. T. Schock ..	51	6	2	4	.....	113	4	3	30	.....	.....	.....	1	90	45 62	1,209 67	Keyport, " "
Long Branch ..	A. B. Hernan, (s. c.)	98	2	3	.....	.....	142	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	125	50 00	.....	Long Branch City, " "
Colts Neck.	S. R. Cunningham	83	5	.....	6	.....	118	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	79	106 30	92 30	Colts Neck, Mon. Co., " "
Highlands.	Vacant	17	7	.....	.....	.....	30	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	67	.....	104 00	Highlands, " "
Asbury Park.	Peter Stryker.....	82	12	16	.....	5	126	2	2	.....	.....	80	1	117	149 78	50 96	2,354 00	414 Sewall Av., Asbury Park,
Total.....	.....	711	55	38	21	137	1,452	36	19	95	396	121	158	.....	\$1,897 96	\$240 19	\$26,415 61	.....

Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; W. H. Van Doren, Griggstown, N. J.

* \$5,186.00 Legacies. † \$7,608.06 for Church Improvements.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		Congregational.
																	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	
Belleville.....	A. Hageman, (S. C.)	150	11	7	1	5	245	5	100	100	1	236	\$322 04	\$ 61 97	\$2,468 22	Belleville, N. J.			
First, Newark.....	T. J. Lee.....	220	7	2	9	14	411	3	315	315	2	315	554 05	765 00	5,100 00	692 High street, Newark.			
Irvington.....	Corne's E. Wyckoff	102	5	12	9	140	140	1	2	40	1	262	38 00	40 00	1,741 00	Irvington, N. J.			
New York av, Newark	John S. Allen.....	150	17	10	3	273	3	2	353	353	1	353	650 00	115 00	3,253 00	100 New York av, Newark.			
Franklin.....	Wm. Stuart.....	94	1	2	...	53	4	...	144 08	3 69	1	105	144 08	3 69	1,324 68	Nutley, N. J.			
North, Newark.....	D. Sage Mackay.....	*403	39	33	2	10	776	18	5	120	50	1	3,395	8,703 30	14,294 77	29 Washington st., Newark.			
West, Newark.....	Carl Girdanner.....	78	20	...	4	...	260	120	4	35	1	284	33 00	10 00	905 55	Newark, N. J.			
Clinton ave., Newark.	Daniel H. Martin.....	380	12	19	21	8	697	15	1	98	2	740	4,027 45	93 00	10,042 58	1 Johnston av., Newark.			
Trinity, Newark.....	J. N. Morris.....	145	10	5	...	145	17	1	572	180 61	23 00	1	15 92	1,130 04	1,998 38	483 Ferry st., Newark, N. J.			
Linden.....	Vacant.....	166	9	5	...	41	3	2	...	...	...	1	309 27	310 27	3,869 27	...
Christ, Newark.....	I. V. W. Schenck	166	9	5	...	41	3	2	...	...	...	1	421 11	310 27	3,869 27	Brookdale, N. J.
Stone House Plains.....	W. E. Bogardus.....	45	8	14	13	2	232	9	2	...	...	1	139 32	37 25	1,190 29	...	
Orange, East.....	G. S. Bishop.....	276	18	24	13	7	550	14	1	263	1	353	1,018 08	541 02	13,022 69	East Orange, N. J.			
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Cornelius Schenck	254	18	24	13	7	548	13	7	425	1	425	850 29	344 78	5,585 28	Plainfield, N. J.			
German, Plainfield.....	Geo. Hauser.....	40	12	...	23	1	90	6	...	...	...	1	25 00	...	3,800 00	Plainfield, N. J.
Montclair Heights.....	Vacant.....	15	1	14	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Total.....		2,540	174	157	115	1,644	6,111	236	31	324	538	10,547	17,123 45	\$4,128 27	\$59,577 15				

* Revised list.

† To form church at Montclair Heights.

‡ Exclusive of Minister's support.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 344 Summer ave., Newark, N. J.; M. G. Hansen, 70 Ashland avenue, East Orange, N. J.; David Waters, 101 South Park street, Haliiax, Nova Scotia; James C. Garretson, Rahway, N. J.; D. H. Christensen, Irvington, N. J.; Henry Merle Mellen, Newark, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.					C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.		Total Enrollment.	Benevolent, Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman	*305	30	13 19	7	20	677	12 7	13 7	185	1	437	\$1,358 64	\$ 743 81	\$4,187 00	210 Townsend st., N. Brun'sk.	
Six Mile Run	G. M. S. Maxwell	145	56	4 7	8	277	3 2	3 2	3 2	180	5	350	826 00	117 64	1,338 08	Franklin Park, N. J.	
Hillabrough	Theodore Shafer	145	11	4 16	11	320	3 1	3 1	3 1	84	7	356	513 96	167 00	1,872 08	Millstone, N. J.	
Middlebush	James LeFevre	82	6	11	2	168	2 1	2 1	2 1	130	1	146	666 00	67 00	1,685 00	Middlebush, N. J.	
Griggstown	James L. Southern	52	20	20	1	109	2 2	2 2	2 2	84	2	84	118 18	123 25	1,760 00	Griggstown, N. J.	
Second New Brunswick	M. H. Hutton, S. C.	126	26	26	22	326	2 2	2 2	2 2	100	242	327	1,549 09	75 78	5,177 85	26 Union st., New Brunswick.	
Bound Brook	Chas. T. Anderson	81	1	3 1	1	186	2 2	2 2	2 2	10	1	168	134 45	7 14	1,986 46	South Bound Brook, N. J.	
Third New Brunswick	Carl Meyer	68	4	4	1	132	7 1	7 1	7 1	33	1	33	126 37	30 00	1,205 05	245 Easton ave., N. Brunswick.	
East Millstone	A. Paige Pecke	68	4	10 3	4	217	4 1	4 1	4 1	76	1	116	271 00	23 00	1,213 45	East Millstone, N. J.	
Metuchen	John H. Raven	65	4	6 3	3	238	11 2	11 2	11 2	244	1	244	469 66	33 94	1,541 00	Metuchen, N. J.	
Guydam st., N. Brun'sk	Alan D. Campbell	60	18	6 3	3	76	4 4	4 4	4 4	90	1	90	76 33	.....	3,840 74	146 Livingston av., N. Brun'sk.
Highland Park	Alex. S. VanDyck	32	9	5 5	3	59	2 775	2 775	2 775	62 17	194	879	24 2,180	.....	650 51	Highland Park, N. J.
Total		1,071	115	53 92	59	2,775	62 17	194	879	24 2,180	879	24 2,180	\$5,654 92	\$1,933 96	\$25,101 14

* Revised list.

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick; W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; Eugene S. Booth, Somerville, N. J.; E. Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; John de Witt, 311 Montgomery St., Jersey City, N. J.; John B. Thompson, 20 Wall St., Trenton, N. J.

Candidates.—T. D'W. Reiley, New York; A. G. VanAken, Jamesburg, N. J.; Charles W. Higgins, Omaha, Neb.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.		Congregational.	
Acquackanonck	John Gaston, Em.	168	21	15	...	...	...	8	375	24	8	218	325	1	360	\$1,766 00	\$ 465 03	\$6,095 95	Passaic, Passaic, N. J.
Centerville	Amie Vennema	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	3	...	...	30	1	122	45 00	...	920 08	Athenia, N. Y.
Clarkstown	Anson DuBois	75	10	7	7	...	...	...	176	3	4	42	70	42	180	129 26	138 86	1,121 18	W. Nyack, Rockland Co., N. Y.
Clifton	Eugene Hill	55	2	10	4	...	...	...	99	4	...	6	...	1	147	67 71	15 38	2,951 78	Clifton, N. J.
Garfield	E. Birdsall	50	1	1	7	...	...	...	37	6	...	...	...	1	83	74 00	...	638 24	Garfield, Bergen Co., N. J.
Glen Rock	Vacant	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	1	80	...	...	...	Ridgewood, Bergen Co., N. J.
Hawthorne	Vacant	32	5	...	...	...	...	...	40	2	4	...	...	1	81	10 61	482 03	412 26	Ridgewood, Passaic Co., N. Y.
Lodi, 1st Holland	Garret M. Conover	65	11	13	1	...	...	...	120	10	2	200	110	1	120	48 00	...	1,000 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Lodi, Second	Tunis H. Hoonte	37	5	4	4	...	...	...	65	13	4	70	16	1	125	32 38	10 00	640 00	Lodi, Bergen Co., N. J.
Nyack	Wm. Johnston	170	7	10	13	...	...	...	234	8	2	65	150	1	221	1,289 61	215 42	3,859 33	Nyack, N. Y.
Paramus	Wm. J. Leggett	113	5	3	7	...	...	...	202	6	1	...	125	1	126	273 54	52 00	2,722 64	Ridgewood, N. Y.
Passaic	Wm. H. Vroom	100	6	9	1	...	...	...	155	6	1	...	100	1	100	134 31	3 00	2,019 43	Park Ridge, N. J.
Passaic, 1st Holland	Edward Lodewick	210	24	18	1	...	...	...	319	45	2	...	200	1	250	138 50	158 25	4,729 93	Passaic, N. J.
Passaic, 2nd Holland	Martin Flipse	110	10	2	6	...	...	...	217	5	2	...	84	1	125	397 43	135 94	5,840 96	67 Auburn st., Paterson, N. J.
Paterson	J. H. Whitehead	107	11	5	...	...	...	...	169	10	...	275	85	1	150	55 00	115 65	1,500 00	50 Clinton st., Paterson, N. J.
Paterson, 1st Holland	D. L. Betten	98	5	3	5	...	...	...	35	8	4	...	...	1	125	15 00	...	562 66	Hawthorne, N. J.
Paterson, North	Garret M. Conover	56	4	4	...	...	...	...	298	20	2	...	103	1	120	345 20	629 19	4,387 54	17 Temple st., Paterson, N. J.
Paterson, Second	Thco. W. Welles, S. C.	180	7	4	...	...	...	...	134	4	...	...	...	1	140	303 77	162 01	1,931 72	Piermont, N. J.
Piermont	Edward S. Ralston	70	4	3	4	...	...	...	151	10	5	...	...	2	209	107 38	23 00	1,445 80	Mahwah, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ramapo	A. A. King	95	5	6	2	Ramseys, Bergen Co., N. J.
Ridgewood	Vacant	112	5	11	9	1	...	...	228	2	2	241	175	1	240	443 66	139 00	3,480 58	Ridgewood, N. J.
Saddle River	J. A. Van Nesc	68	3	2	...	...	...	...	76	2	1	...	...	1	91	41 40	13 00	1,129 97	Saddle River, N. J.
Spring Valley	Isaac Van Kampen	80	3	2	2	...	...	...	117	2	2	63	145	1	171	223 13	38 35	1,141 86	Spring Valley, N. J.
Tappan	C. E. Crispell	60	4	6	5	...	...	...	137	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	15 00	932 23	Tappan, N. J.
Warwick	M. N. Oliver	150	12	4	4	...	...	...	203	12	2	87	111	1	200	1,179 00	236 00	2,929 00	Warwick, Orange Co., N. J.
West N. Hempstead	Taber Knox	48	5	4	...	...	...	...	166	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	6 01	606 90	Viola, Rockland Co., N. J.
Wortendyke	Thos. S. Dushinbert	76	9	5	...	...	...	...	103	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	72 57	790 00	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.
Wortendyke, Holl'd	Fred. G. Dekker	76	9	5	168	17	1	166	70	1	75	Wortendyke, Bergen Co., N. J.
Total		2,421	184	146	99	6	63	4,444	246	60	1497	2,121	31	4,649	58,395 59	\$3,339 46	\$54,504 51			

Revised List.

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Other Ministers — Robert M. Offord, 156 Sixth Avenue, New York City; New York City; New York City.

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|| Warrenton.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.	Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS, BAP.						C. C. & S. S.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
				Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.		Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina-tional Objects.	Other Objects.		
Boonton	Alex. McKelvey	75	6	3	4	.....	.....	.....	102	2	1	.....	60	1	105	\$214 32	\$ 9 25	\$1,499 84	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.
Fairfield	Vacant	460	5	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	75	1	2	.....	.....	1	150	203 07	9 71	1,326 00	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
First, Little Falls	J. O. Van Fleet, S. C.	74	19	2	1	.....	.....	.....	158	8	1	.....	.....	1	150	19 50	6 75	1,493 58	Little Falls, "
Second Little Falls	Vacant	25	.....	4	8	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	19 50	7 00	150 00	Little Falls, "
Montville	A. Mattice	50	14	10	1	.....	.....	.....	110	3	4	.....	50	1	50	116 65	7 00	859 48	Boonton, Morris Co., "
Sixth, Holland Ch.	E. Vanhetloo	520	32	26	5	.....	.....	.....	920	72	.....	1,400	585	1	585	146 31	22 47	4,593 47	Boonton, Morris Co., "
People's Park	John Smit	112	16	2	10	4	.....	6	196	26	.....	120	140	1	230	19 00	162 07	1,930 86	Paterson, "
Pompton	Berdinand S. Wilson	125	24	6	7	.....	.....	2	259	5	11	45	200	2	299	469 05	86 07	1,930 86	Paterson, "
Pompton Plains	Vacant	140	.....	1	2	.....	.....	5	268	2	.....	.....	.....	4	459	451 42	29 02	2,246 90	Riverdale, Morris Co., "
Ponds	Jasper S. Hogan	70	4	4	4	.....	.....	1	109	1	1	.....	100	1	90	52 35	.....	906 00	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Preakness	Geo. W. Labaw	40	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	91	4	2	.....	.....	2	110	114 66	58 83	1,008 85	23 Bank st., Paterson, "
Riverside, Paterson	John B. Church	112	4	4	3	.....	.....	1	135	5	.....	.....	190	1	420	150 00	20 23	2,004 54	37 E. 15th st., Paterson, "
First, Totowa	Thos. Powell Vernoll	148	10	17	6	.....	.....	1	322	12	1	.....	260	1	360	402 13	331 97	4,304 73	Paterson, "
Union Reformed	H. E. Nies	216	16	4	1	.....	.....	6	402	41	1	.....	198	1	335	211 00	263 97	2,087 00	Paterson, "
Wyckoff	A. Westveer	83	6	3	3	150	4	1	63	40	1	95	140 75	21 00	1,115 64	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "
Total		1,870	158	83	65	6	42	3,313	194	25	4,388	1,823	20	3,270		\$2,729 21	\$1,028 34	\$27,577 93		

* Revised List.

† Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruikshank, Little Falls, N. J.; Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y.; J. W. Conklin, Springfield, Mass.; G. A. Luckenbill, Boonton, N. J.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Rec'd.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.			
		Number of Families.	Census.														Denominational Objects.				Other Objects.	
& So. Hampton.	Horace P. Craig.....	100	100	7	3	7	4	4	4	4	500	3	2	96	368	5	340	\$ 300 36	\$ 10 21	\$1,616 00	Churchville, Pa.	
No. Harlingen.	Francis M. Kip, S. C.....	130	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	231	3	3	96	50	4	215	170 00	60 21	1,407 30	Harlingen, N. J.	
Second Ham.	John Hart.....	135	10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	231	13	5	100	50	14	249	401 94	69 47	1,614 02	Neshanic, N. J.	
First Philadelphia.	P. H. Milliken.....	115	4	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	200	6	2	75	200	2	380	1,005 00	111 00	1,453 00	1453 Poplar st., Phila., Pa.	
Second "	E. W. Greene.....	113	2	2	15	15	15	15	15	15	3	260	2	2	6	384	2	283	438 00	227 00	6,195 00	531 North 7th st., Phila.
Third "	J. P. Kain.....	203	54	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	465	14	6	4	110	1	555	149 99	.....	4,635 24	141 Grape st., Manayunk, Pa.	
Fourth "	John S. VanOrden.....	76	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	2	161	4	4	.....	110	1	110	88 42	.....	1,091 42	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Blawenburgh.	A. C. Bird.....	72	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	126	2	3	.....	20	1	70	51 54	.....	764 02	Stanton, N. J.
Clover Hill.	E. G. Ackerman.....	75	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	129	3	3	.....	28	1	124	145 05	19 17	700 00	Clover Hill, N. J.
Rocky Hill.	O. J. Hogan.....	62	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	335	44	.....	.....	.....	1	124	145 05	19 17	1,063 23	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Rich Philadelphia.	C. F. C. Suckow.....	156	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	116	6	.....	.....	.....	1	124	145 05	19 17	1,960 36	2223 E. Susquehanna ave.,
Adelphi.	Sidney O. Lawling.....	60	5	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	140	7	1	35	45	3	300	162 00	9 00	1,108 00	Richboro, Pa.
Three Bridges.	O. M. Voorhees.....	80	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	125	5	2	4	1	118	90 14	20 06	1,240 38	Three Bridges, N. J.	
Tramge Memorial.	H. C. Willoughby.....	90	10	11	3	3	3	3	3	3	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	238	85 37	4 50	1,731 38	387 Conarroe st., Roxborough
South Philadelphia.	C. S. Wyckoff.....	20	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	1	50	1 74	.....	.....	200 00	1755 Mifflin st., Phila., Pa.
Total.....		1,554	133	40	66	47,277	117	30	310	1,195	29,182	\$3,308 56	\$564 78	\$25,435 35								

‡ Pastor elect.

† Last year's report.

* Revised.

† One union.

Other Ministers.—C. E. Gramm, Ardmore, Pa.; A. Stoll, Raipore, Central Provinces, India; W. J. Skillman, Editor of *City and State*, 4216 Pechin-
 gt., Phila.; Jos. Duckwarth, 2000 Lingo St., Phila.; N. I. M. Bogert, Metuchen, N. J.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	No. of Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.		
																		Other Objects.	Denomina- tional Objects.	
First, Raritan.....	Wm. S. Cranmer.....	225	12	15	8	8	8	8	452	12	3	325	325	1	325	\$1,048 00	\$ 346 00	\$15,576 00	Somerville,	N. J.
Readington.....	B. V. D. Wyckoff.....	135	5	10	10	10	6	315	6	2	200	200	5	275	265 00	67 16	1,314 10	Readington,	"	
Bethminster.....	T. Walker Jones.....	100	6	1	11	2	5	245	5	5	180	180	1	180	560 08	92 40	5,413 48	Bethminster,	"	
Lebanon.....	Wm. E. Davis.....	220	8	2	10	11	371	5	270	5	5	270	270	4	270	64 25	40 53	1,985 00	Lebanon,	"
Rockaway.....	H. P. Lyman-Wheaton.....	112	2	2	1	4	1	171	5	75	254	130 00	1,343 00	White House,	"
North Branch.....	P. M. Doolittle.....	116	6	10	3	167	5	3	67	5	3	2	388 61	66 35	1,103 97	North Branch,	"
Second, Raritan.....	E. G. Read.....	235	9	33	23	13	625	12	300	1	750	750	1	750	1,561 87	123 42	9,118 98	Somerville,	"	
Peapack.....	Howard C. Hasbrouck.....	92	4	1	1	4	192	4	75	75	145 00	10 00	1,200 00	Peapack,	"
South Branch.....	Isaac Spring.....	104	26	3	10	3	3	21	71	4	11	13	125	315 22	41 25	1,244 00	South Branch,	"
Third, Raritan.....	Wm. H. Defart.....	155	23	10	5	1	1	320	14	10	120	120	1	383	593 72	108 00	2,820 45	Karitan,	"
Pottersville.....	Sartell Prentice, Jr.....	60	.....	2	2	5	10	3	5	.....	.....	1	86	44 75	83 66	9 00	1,025 25	Pottersville,	"
High Bridge.....	Isaac L. Kipp.....	95	4	2	4	4	144	1	13	.....	.....	1	160	83 66	137 49	9 00	1,337 49	High Bridge,	"
Annapdale.....	A. C. Merriam.....	60	25	9	4	3	102	1	13	.....	.....	1	166	139 00	130 00	3 00	2,142 00	Annapdale,	"
Fourth, Raritan.....	F. Koehli.....	68	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	142	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	10 00	1,040 00	Somerville,	"
Total.....	Total.....	1,783	140	99	99	375	3,576	103	54	1,028	27	3,040	\$5,337 00	\$917 11	\$46,663 72		

* Three union. † Five union. ‡ Three union.

Other Ministers.—H. Schnellendrusier, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, 25 East 22d street, New York City; J. F. Mesick, (s. c.), Blawenburgh, N. J.; Charles H. Pool, Secretary of Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; George J. Van Nest, Millstone, N. J.; A. McWilliam, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, Somerville, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1897.

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CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Census.	COMMUNICANTS.							BAP.		C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.
					On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Congregational.		
																	Denomina-tional Objects.	Other Objects.			
Bergen	20	20	2	2,044	238	112	70	2	64	3,980	504	35	937	1,626	24	6,270	\$5,171 15	\$4,388 54	\$44,633 90	Henry Ward.	
South Bergen	11	13	2	1,753	187	64	82	...	44	3,115	288	45	724	1,292	16	4,497	3,254 30	3,542 69	33,969 54	R. K. Wick.	
Monmouth	10	11	...	711	55	38	21	1	37	1,452	36	19	95	366	12	1,158	1,897 96	240 19	26,415 61	A. B. Herman.	
Newark	16	22	...	2,540	174	157	115	1	64	4,611	236	31	324	538	19	5,547	17,123 45	4,128 27	59,577 15	A. Hageman.	
New Brunswick.....	12	18	3	1,071	115	53	92	...	59	2,775	62	17	104	870	24	2,186	5,654 92	1,933 96	25,101 14	Manc. H. Hutton.	
Paramus.....	28	30	...	2,421	184	146	99	6	62	4,444	246	60	1,497	2,121	31	4,649	8,395 59	3,339 46	54,504 51	Theo. W. Welles.	
Passaic.....	15	16	...	1,870	158	83	65	6	42	3,313	194	25	2,388	1,823	20	3,270	2,720 21	1,028 34	27,577 93	J. O. Van Fleet.	
Philadelphia	15	20	...	1,554	133	40	66	...	47	2,777	117	30	310	1,105	29	3,182	3,368 56	564 78	25,435 35	Francis M. Kip.	
Raritan	14	22	...	1,783	140	99	99	3	75	3,576	103	54	.....	1,028	27	3,040	5,337 00	917 11	46,663 72	John F. Mesick.
Total	141	172	7	15,747	1,384	794	709	19	494	29,643	1,786	316	6,469	10,808	202	33,793	\$52,872 14	\$20,083 34	\$348,878 85		

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported as follows :

The Committee on Classical Minutes beg leave to report as follows :

The books from all the Classes have been presented, referred to Sub-Committees, examined by them, and the following are their reports :

Special attention is called to the report of the Sub-Committee, on the Minutes of the South Classis of Bergen, in which mention is made of an irregularity in doing business when there was not a quorum present.

Respectfully presented,

PETER STRYKER,

J. A. VANNESTE.

PHILIP CASE.

Classis of Bergen.—20 churches.

- 1st. We find the book correctly and neatly kept.
- 2nd. Nothing requiring the attention of Synod.
- 3rd. The answer to the Constitutional questions are as follows :

1st Question,	15 Churches,	Yes.	
2d " "	11 "	Yes.	3 No.
3d " "	13 "	Yes.	1 No.
4th " "	12 "	Yes.	2 No.
5th " "	14 "	Yes.	1 No.
6th " "	13 "	Yes.	1 No.
7th " "	6 "	Yes.	1 No.

To these questions for three churches there are no recorded answers.

D. W. HUNT,

H. P. CRAIG.

South Classis of Bergen.—11 Churches.

- 1st. The Records are kept with care.
- 2nd. The Constitutional questions were answered by the churches as follows :

1st Question	10 Churches,	Yes.	1 No.
2d " "	7 "	Yes.	3 No.
3d " "	9 "	Yes.	1 No.
4th " "	10 "	Yes.	
5th " "	10 "	Yes.	
6th " "	6 "	Yes.	4 No.

3rd. The Church, 2nd, Hudson City, made no answer to the Constitutional questions.

4th. Your Committee calls the attention of Synod to the following facts: At the session of Classis held at Greenville, June 5th, 1896, pages 456 and 457, a quorum not being present, an important meeting was held, consisting of the reception of a minister from another Classis, and his installation proceeded with according to the decision of the members of the Classis present, that such installation should take place, and be ratified at the following meeting of Classis.

The formula was signed as it reads, "in the presence of Classis." The time and place of the next meeting of Classis was appointed, which meeting was to be for the purpose of installing a minister.

Such meeting of Classis, in the judgment of the committee is illegal according to the Constitution, Art. VII., Secs. 1 and 2.

In accordance with above appointment, Classis met in regular adjourned session and approved above action by resolution as follows:

Resolved that the acts and proceedings of the South Classis of Bergen taken at an adjourned session held at Greenville, June 5th, 1896, at which meeting no quorum appeared, particularly the resolution to receive the Rev. Charles J. Allen by letter from the Classis of Passaic on his signing the Formula for ministers, and the consequent declaration of the President of Classis that the pastoral relation between the church of Greenville and the Rev. Charles J. Allen had been established, be and hereby are ratified and said resolution and action shall have full force from the 5th day of June last as if at that time a full quorum had been present.

On page 480 it is stated that the installation took place on the date mentioned above, under report of "State of Churches." Your Committee calls the attention of Synod to the illegal action taken by the Classis of Philadelphia as per last year's report, and repeats the language used by the Committee at that time and declares that it is its opinion that "it does not lie in the power of Classis to nullify the Constitution; that all acts transacted at illegal meetings are void *ab initio* and cannot therefore be ratified by any subsequent meeting, but should be introduced and passed upon as new business."

HOWARD C. HASBROUCK,

E. B. ALLEN.

Report on Minutes of Classis of Monmouth.

1st. The Records are regularly kept.

2nd. Nothing demands special attention of Synod.

3rd Constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question 9 Churches Yes.

2d " 3 " Yes. 6 No.

3d " 8 " Yes. 1 No.

4th " 9 " Yes.

5th " 9 " Yes.

6th " 9 " Yes.

7th " 4 " Yes. 5 No.

F. S. WILSON,

D. J. FOX.

Classis of Newark, 16 Churches.

1st. The Minutes of the Classis of Newark are neatly kept.

2nd Nothing requires Synodical Action.

3rd Constitutional questions are answered as follows :

1st Question 17 Churches Yes.

2d " 6 " Yes. 7 No.

3d " 14 " Yes.

4th " 13 " Yes. 1 No.

5th " 14 " Yes.

6th " 14 " Yes.

7th " 7 " Yes.

One church had no representative.

One was newly organized.

A. PAIGE PEEKE,

G. V. BAIRD.

Classis of New Brunswick, 12 Churches.

1st. The Records are well kept.

2nd The answers to Constitutional questions were as follows :

1st Question 11 Churches Yes.

2d " 11 " Yes.

3d " 11 " Yes.

4th " 11 " Yes.

5th " 11 " Yes.

6th " 11 " Yes.

7th " 10 " Yes. 1 No.

And one church not represented at meeting of Classis.

A. A. KING,

A. Z. WINTER.

Classis of Paramus.

1st. The Records are correctly and neatly kept.

2nd Nothing demands the special attention of Synod.

3rd Constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question 24 Churches Yes.

2d " 17 " Yes. 6 No. 1 Approximately.

3d " 22 " Yes. 2 No.

4th " 23 " Yes. 1 Not as we desire

5th " 24 " Yes.

6th " 23 " Yes. 1 No.

7th " 10 " Yes. 14 No.

Three of the 27 churches are vacant and consequently are without answers.

A. HAGEMAN

E. SCHENCK.

Classis of Passaic, 15 Churches.

1st. The Minutes were found correct.

2nd The Constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question 15 Churches Yes.

2d " 6 " Yes. 9 No.

3d " 13 " Yes. 2 No.

4th " 12 " Yes. 2 No. 1 Blank.

5th " 15 " Yes.

6th " 14 " Yes. 1 Blank.

7th " 6 " Yes. 9 No.

J. D. BAYLES

Classis of Philadelphia, 15 Churches.

1st. Records carefully kept.

2nd Constitutional questions answered as follows :

1st Question 14 Churches Yes.

2d " 10 " Yes. 4 No.

3d " 13 " Yes. 1 No.

4th " 14 " Yes.

5th " 14 " Yes.

6th " 14 " Yes.

7th " 5 " Yes. 9 No.

CHAS. J. ALLEN

A. E. SAGE.

Classis of Raritan.

1st. The Minutes are correctly kept.

2nd Contain nothing requiring the action of Synod.

3rd Answers constitutional questions as follows :

1st Question 14 Churches Yes.

2d " 10 " Yes. 4 No.

3d " 13 " Yes. 1 ?

4th " 14 " Yes.

5th " 14 " Yes.

6th " 14 " Yes.

7th " 11 " Yes. 3 No.

HENRY WARD,
GEO. CARRAGAN.

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the accompanying report. The report was accepted and adopted.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence approached the ~~duty~~ assigned it with a great deal of interest and expectation.

We were aware that our country is still suffering from financial embarrassment and that the Boards and funds of the Church are not replete. But straitened circumstances do not always dry up the stream of charity in an individual. Chastening has a sanctifying influence. It often develops the graces, the grace of giving with the rest, for we read in 2nd Corinthians of the churches of Macedonia. "How that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deed poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." The facts which we have discovered, and facts often quickly dispel all sentiment and disappoint all expectations, are as follows :

The contributions to denominational objects have been less this year than they were last year by \$18,087.40. There has been a small increase however of contributions to other objects of \$827.88.

In view of these facts your committee would call attention to the large sum which in the aggregate is contributed to other objects and would raise the question, whether the churches are not including in their list of benevolent objects so many others, in a sense, outside causes, as to affect the contributions to denominational objects. Is this wise? Is it altogether loyal? We would not curb any beneficent tendency. But many weak churches we imagine attempt to contribute or are pressed into contributing to too many objects to be as helpful as they might otherwise be to the Boards and Funds of the church.

The Committee do not know how far the churches have heeded the request of the General Synod to contribute a like sum to Domestic and Foreign Missions. We hope the request has been heeded. As preeminently a Foreign Missionary denomination our church has been unique and interesting, but if we are to grow, indeed to continue to live, we must pour our gifts into the treasury of the Domestic Board, that the work is this our own land may go on.

Your Committee would suggest further that in the matter of benevolence the church should come into even closer connection with the Young People's Societies. A large sum of money is annually raised in the aggregate by these societies. Is a good proportion of this sum directed into the treasuries of our Boards or is too much money consumed by our Young People's Societies on numerous conventions and large expenses connected with these conventions.

Your Committee would suggest that if a Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence were appointed to hold over, and a full opportunity afforded to collate and compare and present in an orderly, interesting and inspiring manner the important subject of Systematic Beneficence it would be advantageous. No more important subject properly comes before Particular Synod. Particular Synod with its usually small amount of business might well devote a portion of the time of each session in stirring up itself and the churches within its bounds on the subject of Systematic Beneficence. The church must have the sinews of war, the resources of civilization, if she would fight the battles of the Lord and press on to the conquest of the world for Christ.

CHAS. T. ANDERSON,

J. O. VANFLEET,

A. D. BAIRD.

Rev. Dr. Lewis Francis addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. A. DeWitt Mason appeared before Synod as the representative of the Mission Field and the C. E. Missionary League.

It was resolved that the thanks of the Synod be extended to these brethren for the information and inspiration of their addresses.

The following action was taken with reference to the American Bible Society :

" This Synod learns with regret that Rev. W. W. Moffett, D. D., the State Agent of the American Bible Society has been prevented by illness from presenting the interests of that society to us at this meeting. He has called our attention to the fact that a shrinkage in contributions and a falling off in legacies of late have so diminished the resources of the American Bible Society as to make it impracticable for the Society to keep up with its growing work unless the gifts of God's people are much enlarged. We therefore earnestly recommend to the churches under our care that they strive to increase their yearly offerings to this long approved and useful agency of the churches of all denominations in circulating the Word of God.

ARTICLE XV.

TREASURER.

The Committee appointed by the last Synod to receive and audit the Treasurers Report, reported as follows :

PIERMONT, N. Y., May 23, '96.

The Committee on Treasurer's report, having examined the same with vouchers, find it correct.

No estimate having been presented by the Treasurer of the per capita assessment for the coming year, your committee recommend that the same assessment be levied as for the year '95-'96.

Signed by Committee.

EDWARD S. RALSTON,
S. A. JESSUP,
A. A. KING.

<i>The Particular Synod of New Brunswick, N. J., in acc't with Charles H. Harris, Treas.</i>		DR.	CR.
1895.			
May 15.—Balance on hand.....		\$244	21
1896.			
Mar. 3.—Classis of Passaic.....		8	50
Classis of Bergen.....		16	90
18.—Classis of Philadelphia.....		12	00
Apr. 18.—Classis of Paramus.....		30	80
28.—Classis of Raritan.....		14	60
May 8.—Classis of Newark.....		29	00
1895.			
Jun. 15.—"Monmouth Democrat,".....			\$105 12
16.—I. P. Brokaw, "per bill,".....			58 70
1896.			
May 18.—By balance cash on hand.....			192 19
Totals		\$356 01	\$356 01
May 18.—Cash in Hackensack Bank.....			\$192 19

The report of the Treasurer for 1897 is as follows :

Charles H. Harris in acc't with Particular Synod of New Brunswick :

DR.		CR.
1896.	Balance per last report.....	\$192 19
May 12.—To Classis of Monmouth.....	6 40	
Dec. 14.—To Classis of New Brunswick..	17 90	
1897.		
Feb. 12.—To Classis of South Bergen, as-		
essment for year 1896.....	14 90	
	\$231 39	
Apr. 7.—To balance.....	63 31	
8.—To Classis of Newark.....	28 50	
10.—To Classis of Monmouth.....	6 20	
To Classis of Passaic.....	8 25	
14.—To Classis of New Brunswick.	17 25	
To Classis of South Bergen.....	14 50	
To Classis of Raritan.....	14 25	
To Classis of Philadelphia.....	11 75	
28.—To Classis of Bergen.....	16 50	
	\$180 51	
Apr. 29.—To balance.....	\$180 51	
1896.		
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Apr. 29.—By balance.....		180 51

The report together with the resignation of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Report who reported as follows :

The Committee on Treasurer's Report having examined the same with vouchers, find it correct.

They would also recommend Rev. I. P. Brokaw for Treasurer, to assess according to former years.

THEODORE SHAFER,

T. J. KOMMERS,

JOHN J. VAN WAGONER.

The report was accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE XVI.

PARTICULARIA.

The first half hour after the opening of the Synod and the first half hour of the session of Wednesday were occupied with devotional exercises.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on Wednesday evening after the sermon of the retiring President, the form being read by the President, assisted in the service by Rev. E. G. Read, D.D., Rev. Henry Ward, and Elders, J. H. VanMater, Geo. Carragan, Garret Baird, W. P. Millar.

The Synod appointed 9 A. M., and 7.30 P. M., as the hours of meeting and 5 P. M. as the hour of adjournment.

Rev. Chas. M. Anderson pastor of the M. E. Church of Bayonne being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee appointed by the Synod of 1896 to consider the re-adjustment of the bounds of the classes reported as follows :

The committee appointed to consider the whole matter of the re-adjustment of the bounds of the Classes, consisting of the President of Particular Synod and the Stated Clerks of the several Classes, would respectfully report :

By the request of the President, the Stated Clerk of the Particular Synod, officially notified the members of the committee of their appointment and requested them to meet at the Synod's Rooms, No. 25 E. 22nd St., Nov. 30th, 1895. A notice also of the meeting was given in the *Christian Intelligencer* and all persons interested in the matter were invited to attend.

The meeting was duly held, the following members present :

The Rev. C. I. Shepard, D. D., President of Particular Synod, who

presided ; Rev. A. Hageman, Stated Clerk of the Classis of Newark, who was elected Secretary.

Rev. Henry Ward, Stated Clerk of Classis of Bergen.

Rev. Robert K. Wick, Stated Clerk of Classis of South Bergen.

Rev. M. H. Hutton, Stated Clerk of Classis of New Brunswick.

Rev. J. O. VanFleet, Stated Clerk of Classis of Passaic.

A communication was received from the church of Spotswood asking to be transferred from the Classis of Monmouth to the Classis of New Brunswick. Dr. Hutton read a number of letters from brethren of the Classis of New Brunswick who approved of such transfer.

The subject of the re-adjustment of the bounds of the Classes was freely and fully discussed, and a number of changes were suggested; brethren present not members of the committee, taking part in the discussion, viz :—Rev. C. Brett, D.D., Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. Chas. S. Wright, Rev. D. Talmage and Rev. J. O. Bayles, after which a plan was adopted to be recommended to Particular Synod.

Subsequently, however, some of the members of the committee, learning that the proposed plan would not be satisfactory to some of the brethren and churches affected thereby, the President and Secretary of the committee called another meeting of the committee, giving notice and invitation as before, in the *Christian Intelligencer*. This second meeting was held at the Synod's Rooms, Feb. 8th, 1897. Eight (8) members of the ten (10) were present, and one by letter informed the committee of his inability to be present, and asked that no change be made in the Classis of Raritan.

The subject matter of the re-adjustment, was again discussed at length ; various changes in the plan adopted were proposed. The Revs. Gowen, Wright, Leggett, Ralston and McKelvey, not members of the committee taking part in the discussion and offering suggestions. After a free expression of views and opinions on the subject, the Rev. Dr. Hutton offered the following resolutions which were adopted :

1st Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this Committee, if any changes are to be made, that the *Cities* should be taken as the centers of the Crystalization of Classes.

2nd Resolved, That the President and Clerk be requested after full consultation of maps, and railways, and trolley communications, to report to this Committee a re-arrangement based on the above principle.

The committee adjourned to meet at the call of the president, which in due time was given, and thus the committee met again at the Synod's Rooms March 15th, 1897.

The Sub-Committee reported that they had devoted considerable

time, and thought to the subject in compliance with the above resolutions and had prepared a plan, which they presented, with the churches arranged in Classes, as directed ; but on account of the many difficulties in the way of a re-adjustment with Cities as centers, *they recommend that no changes be made, except* as the individual churches may make application to the Particular Synod, to be transferred from one Classis to another. The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The following was also adopted :

Inasmuch as the church of Spotswood of the Classis of Monmouth has made application to this committee to be transferred to the Classis of New Brunswick, and as brethren connected with these Classes have concurred therein ; we recommend that Synod make this transfer.

The meetings of the Committee were opened and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. I. SHEPARD, *President.*

A. HAGEMAN, *Clerk.*

Rev. I. W. Gowen addressed the Synod on Wednesday morning upon "The Church of the Coming Century." The Synod expressed by vote its hearty appreciation of his able and scholarly address.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows :

Committee on Nominations would recommend the appointment of Rev. E. G. Reed, D.D., as the speaker for 1898 with the Rev. C. T. Anderson as secundus, the speaker to select his own theme.

Also as delegate from the Particular Synod of New Brunswick to the Board of Superintendents of the Western Theological Seminary, at Holland, Mich., the Rev. A. Paige Peeke.

F. M. KIP,

T. J. LEE,

J. N. VAN CLEEF.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the pastor, consistory, choir and members of the church and congregation for their cordial entertainment of the Synod and to the Ladies' Aid Society for the bountiful collation they served.

ARTICLE XVII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The nominations made by the Classes were confirmed as follows :

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. D. M. Talmage,	Elder T. V. Eaton,
“ Wm. Manchee,	“ Hamilton V. Meeks,
“ John Rudolph, Ph.D.,	“ Peter Bogert,
“ J. T. E. DeWitt,	“ M. H. Angell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. Francis Morgan,	Elder J. Hasbrouck,
“ C. I. Shepard, D.D.,	“ J. B. Williams,
“ A. Dean, D.D.,	“ Henry Steinhoff,
“ W. R. Ackert,	“ J. J. Demarest.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf, D.D.	Elder Louis Steck,
“ Robert K. Wick,	“ John VanHorn,
“ G. Andraea,	“ E. M. Doone.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. E. Inglis,	Elder M. Schultz,
“ E. A. Meury,	“ W. F. Francis,
“ C. J. Allen,	“ Joel W. Brown.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

PRIMARI.

Rev. S. R. Cunningham,	Elder John A. Smock,
“ J. T. Schock,	“ G. S. Luyster,
“ C. W. VanZee,	“ H. W. Buck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. G. Wyckoff,	Elder Edgar Schenck,
“ W. H. VanDoren,	“ J. Bergen Thompson,
“ P. K. Hageman,	“ J. C. Gulick.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARI.

Rev. John S. Allen,	Elder John Lancaster,
“ Wm. E. Bogardus,	“ Nelson Jacobus,
“ A. Hageman,	“ I. W. Dawson.

Rev. John W. Morris,	Elder David Kay,
" George Hauser,	" Arthur Ward, M. D.,
" James C. Garretson,	" Fred. E. Smith.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

PRIMARI.

Rev. W. H. Steele, D.D.,	Elder V. M. W. Suydam,
" Jacob Cooper, S. T. D.,	" A. V. D. Polhemus,
" E. Lord,	" J. J. Janeway.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. L. Southard,	Elder Wm. Voorhees,
" A. D. Campbell,	" H. W. Hoagland,
" Eugene S. Booth,	" Prof. E. B. Voorhees.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

PRIMARI.

Rev. William J. Leggett, Ph. D.,	Elder Cornelius DeBaun,
" William H. Vroom,	" John J. Mowerson,
" Edward Lodewick,	" John H. Ackerman,
" Joseph H. Whitehead,	" Edo Kip,
" Elias W. Thompson,	" Peter Quackenbush.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Dirck L. Betten,	Elder Peter VanReen,
" Garret M. Conover,	" Walter Zabriskie,
" Theo. W. Welles, D. D.,	" Edwin Stewart,
" Edward S. Ralston,	" John C. Haring,
" Albert A. King,	" John T. Henion.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

PRIMARI.

Rev. J. W. Conklin,	Elder Philip Piaget,
" J. C. Cruikshank,	" Stephen Francisco,
" H. C. Nies,	" N. Verduyn.

SECUNDI.

Rev. J. O. VanFleet,	Elder G. Planten,
" E. VanHetloo,	" C. Breen,
" G. W. Labaw,	" J. G. Marcelis.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

PRIMARI.

Rev. O. J. Hogan,	Elder Stephen Voorhees,
“ C. F. C. Suckow,	“ Fred Bach,
“ S. O. Lawsing,	“ David McNair.

SECUNDI.

Rev. O. M. Voorhees,	Elder John R. Foster,
“ H. C. Willoughby,	“ Wm. Hamilton,
“ Chas. S. Wyckoff,	“ S. McCandless.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D.,	Elder Wm. B. Sharp,
“ Chas. H. Pool, D. D.,	“ William E. Veghte,
“ Geo. J. VanNeste,	“ James Lane.

SECUNDI.

Rev. Andrew J. Hageman,	Elder Daniel H. Powelson,
“ A. McWilliams,	“ John S. Haynes,
“ Minor Swick,	“ Geo. D. Winters.

ARTICLE XVIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XIX.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 2.15 P. M., of the second day of the session hold its next annual meeting in the Clinton Ave. Reformed Church Newark, on the first Tuesday of May, 1898, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the usual number were orde to be printed, the roll was called and the Synod adjourned with pra by Rev. P. Theo. Pockman and the benediction by the President.

P. H. MILLIKEN, *President.*

P. THEO. POCKMAN, *Vice Presiden*

A. B. HERMAN,
ABRAM DURYEE, } *Clerks pro. tem.*

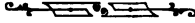
I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

PLACES OF MEETINGS AND PRESIDENTS.

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- 1869.—First, New Brunswick, - Rev. B. C. Taylor, D. D.
 1870.—First, New Brunswick, - Rev. William Reiley, D. D.
 1871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City, Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D. D.
 1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic, - Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D. D.
 1873.—Second, Freehold, - - - - Rev. John Gardner.
 1874.—Second, Newark, - - - - Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
 1875.—Second, Somerville, - - - Rev. George J. VanNeste.
 1876.—First, Paterson, - - - - Rev. William R. Duryee.
 1877.—Second, New Brunswick, - Rev. William R. Gordon, D. D.
 1878.—Bergen, - - - - - Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
 1879.—First, Philadelphia, - - - Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D.
 1880.—Neshanic, - - - - - Rev. James LeFevre.
 1881.—Paramus, - - - - - Rev. Cornelius Brett.
 1882.—Millstone, - - - - - Rev. M. H. Hutton.
 1883.—First, New Brunswick, - - Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf, D. D.
 1884.—Warwick, - - - - - Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
 1885.—First, Orange, - - - - - Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D. D.
 1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City, - - Rev. David Waters, D. D.
 1887.—Lebanon, - - - - - Rev. Edward G. Read.
 1888.—Belleville, - - - - - Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
 1889.—Second, Philadelphia, - - Rev. J. Preston Searle.
 1890.—First, Somerville, - - - Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
 1891.—Third, Raritan, - - - - Rev. N. H. Vanarsdale, D. D.
 1892.—Nyack, - - - - - Rev. H. Vehslage, D. D.
 1893.—First, Hackensack, - - - Rev. J. B. Thompson, D. D.
 1894.—Broadway, Paterson, - - - Rev. W. H. DeHart.
 1895.—North, Passaic, - - - - Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
 1896.—Ridgewood, - - - - - Rev. Chas. I. Shepard, D. D.
 1897.—Bayonne, - - - - - Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph. D.



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The Particular Synod of New Brunswick met in stated session in the Clinton avenue Reformed Church of Newark, N. J., on Tuesday, May 3d, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and remained in session until Wednesday, 12.30 o'clock, P. M.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF THE SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D., who also preached the Synodical sermon on Tuesday evening from Acts 26 : 19 : " I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, Henry Ward, Isaac W. Gowen. Elder D. C. Whyte.

South Classis of Bergen.—Ministers, H. C. Cussler, T. J. Kommers.

Classis of Monmouth.—Ministers, S. R. Cunningham, C. W. Van Zee, G. Wyckoff, Peter Stryker, D.D. Elders, W. H. Foster, S. B. Wells, W. M. Conover.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following were received :

A certificate from the Board of Domestic Missions to the effect that Mr. John S. Bussing, its Treasurer, had been appointed to represent the Board in this Particular Synod.

A notice from the Board of Foreign Missions that Rev. E. B. Coe, D.D., had been appointed as its representative in the Synod.

An invitation from the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, N. J., through Rev. Dr. P. T. Pockman, its pastor, to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in said church. Similar invitations were presented in person by Rev. Taber Knox, pastor of the Reformed Church of Warwick, N. Y., and Rev. I. W. Gowen, pastor of Grove Church, New Durham, N. J. These invitations were referred to the Committee on Nominations, who reported, recommending that the invitation of the church of Warwick be accepted. This recommendation was adopted by the Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER SYNODS.

Copies of the Minutes of General Synod and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany and Chicago for 1897, were received and referred to the Committee on Synodical Minutes, who made their report as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MINUTES.

Your Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report that they have examined the minutes of General Synod for 1897, also minutes of the Particular Synods of Albany, Chicago and New York for same year, 1897, and find nothing of special moment to bring before this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS POWELL VERNOLL,

PETER J. KIPP,

SIDNEY O. LAWSING.

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE V.

CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The Committee on Classical Reports presented the following, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLASSICAL REPORTS.

The examination of the Classical Reports gives us the undeniable proof of the presence of our risen Lord by the Holy Spirit among the churches, affording such comfort and encouragement as to inspire us not only to patient continuance in well doing, but also to undertake greater things in His name. The extension of Christ's Kingdom among us may be seen in a three-fold aspect :

1. In the souls won from the world to Christ.

While we form our conclusions from the statistical tables, we are aware that although figures are truthful, statistics are often unreliable. The true numerical increase of the church appears in the number who have confessed Christ ; and while such additions have been seventy-four less than during the preceding year, yet, in many of our churches there has been material advance in proportion to the membership.

Of the 141 churches reported, one has increased its membership twenty per cent. on confession ; two have increased fifteen per cent ; sixteen at the rate of ten per cent., and twenty-four at the rate of five per cent. ; while eighteen churches have received no members on confession. This fact is seized upon with avidity by certain evangelists who are ready to cry out that such churches must be either dead or dying, but a careful examination shows that in many instances they are pastorless, and that with others it is the sowing time. The total membership of our churches is 30,156, which is a net increase of 513 over last year.

The revising of the membership roll, while of itself a necessity, is, on account of its irregularity, open to abuse, which might be prevented if a specified time could be given for such revision. We would therefore offer the following :

Resolved, That we overture General Synod that the churches be recommended to make a general revision of the church roll at the beginning of the year 1900, and every fifth year thereafter.

2. In the religious teaching by pastors and people.

The number of Catechumens is 11,468, exceeding the number of last year by 616. We have 201 Sunday-schools, one less than last year, while the total enrollment (34,398), shows an increase of 605.

There have been 1,742 infants baptized, and each Classis sends a list

of baptized non-communicants, with the one exception of the Classis of Raritan, whose attention we would call to the action of Particular Synod in the year 1894.

3. In the offerings.

The churches have contributed \$82,347.62 for religious and benevolent purposes, \$9,392.14 more than last year, and \$329,687.72 for congregational purposes, \$19,191.13 less than for the preceding year. The contributions per member are \$2.73 for religious and benevolent purposes, and \$10.93 for congregational purposes. The advance for the one and the decline for the other may be regarded as favorable to healthy growth ; for if we can carry on our local work with less expense, and increase our contributions to the cause beyond our own immediate environment, we are more nearly imitating the spirit of the Master who gave Himself for us.

In conclusion, we would thank God and take courage, while we express our purpose in the work for the year to come, as follows :

Resolved, That as pastors and elders we give due diligence to the commission entrusted to us by our Lord to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Resolved, That we give our prayerful attention to the winning of souls from the world to Christ.

Resolved, That we urge the consecration of individual wealth for the extension of the kingdom of Christ.

Finally, we would make mention of those brethren whom God has called home where "they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them," viz., Rev. Henry Mattice, of the Classis of Bergen ; Rev. David Waters, D.D., of the Classis of Newark ; Rev. George J. Van Neste, of the Classis of Raritan.

Respectfully submitted with accompanying classical reports.

P. H. MILLIKEN, *Chairman*.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion has examined the reports of the individual churches, and finds them full of encouragement. While there has been no marked manifestation of the Spirit's outpouring, yet the work accomplished during the year shows that the hand of the Lord has been with us to help. 250 have been added to the church on confession, an increase of 12 over last year. 104 were received by letter.

The contributions to denominational objects have been increased \$1,098.11. To other objects, \$608.59 less were contributed this year.

\$42,336.70 were contributed for congregational purposes, being \$2,297.20 less than last year. The First Church of Hackensack has revised its membership roll.

Nearly all the churches report progress, and a number speak of increased interest in Sunday-school work. One church, that of Hasbrouck Heights, tells of six children gathered into the church. Should we not "draw the net" more frequently in our Sunday-schools? First Hoboken now has a regular pastor. Thanking the Great Head of the church for past successes, we should strive more earnestly for the salvation of souls. Extracts from the reports are appended :

First Hackensack says : "The year has been one of steady growth. All departments of church activity have been well sustained. God's Spirit has owned and blessed his word to the conversion of many and the upbuilding of believers. The benevolent gifts have kept up to the usual mark, in some instances exceeding those of preceding years. The Sabbath-school has been thoroughly reorganized and is increasing in numbers and strength. The Sabbath services are exceedingly well attended, and the prayer meetings more than usually sustained."

Schraalenburgh adds nothing to statistics, but these show a healthful activity.

English Neighborhood says : "The work is well organized in every department. The attendance at the regular services of the church is gradually increasing.

Grove Church, New Durham, reports : "The work of the year has been carried on with a good degree of spiritual blessing. The Sabbath-school work has grown, and many new scholars have been added to our rolls. The work at the West Hoboken chapel under the pastoral care of Rev. W. R. Ackert has been crowned with success. The prospect of self-support which was promised the Classis at the inception of the work, is now fulfilled. Every branch of church and chapel work is in good shape, and we are looking to God for an outpouring of spiritual blessing in the year to come."

First Hoboken has now a settled pastor, and the work shows signs of progress.

North Bergen shows by its report that the spiritual and temporal interests of the church have been maintained, and in some respects there has been growth.

Second Hackensack says : "The year has been one of substantial growth, numerically and financially. Our mission workers have kept well up with the demands of the field. There has been fruitage as the result of faithful teaching in the Sunday-school. We are encouraged to plan and execute larger things in the service of the Lord Christ."

The German Evangelical Church of Hoboken tells of an increase in contributions and attendance during the past year. This church leads in the number received on confession, viz., 65.

Third Hackensack reports six new families in the church and twenty new scholars in the Sabbath-school.

Closter reports: "We are maintaining successfully and faithfully the work of the church, and the year has not been without blessing. Especially have the prayer meetings—both the general meeting and and that of the C. E. been helpful in building up and quickening the spiritual life of the church, and impressing "those who are without."

Palisades statistics show growth along all lines. Their Christian Endeavor Society has for two years given more per member to our denominational mission boards than any other society connected with our Reformed Church in New Jersey.

Guttenberg reports that it has been a year of normal conditions. Work has moved steadily along in all departments. Morning congregations on Sundays continue to increase in numbers. A King's Daughters Circle has been organized this year. The benevolent contributions have been increased from \$79 to over \$100.

Central Avenue, Jersey City.—"The divine blessing has continued with the people, enabling them to have a year of steady, earnest activity, marked by encouraging progress. The membership has been increased at every communion. A chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip has been formed."

Cherry Hill reports: "A year of progress, no debt, an increased membership, and larger contributions to benevolent objects than last year. Cottage prayer meetings were again held during the month of January, with good results."

Secaucus adds nothing to the statistics.

Spring Valley, one of our smallest churches, gives to all the boards and funds of the church, and reports increased contributions. The home department of the Sunday-school works admirably in this church.

Westwood says: "More prosperous than last year, better financial showing, larger accessions to the church, and Sunday-school has outgrown present building."

Oradell statistics show a net gain of five in membership, and the report says there has been an increase in attendance on divine worship. The Sunday-school numbers fifty more than last year. "Our prayer is for greater spiritual blessings, and that a work of grace may be seen in our church."

Hasbrouck Heights shows a saving work among the children connected with the Sabbath-school, six of whom have been received in-

to the communion of the church, and all under the age of seventeen. Thus the Word is being verified, "He shall gather the lambs with his arms and carry them in his bosom."

Otto L. F. Mohn was licensed to preach the gospel, May 24th, 1897, and was dismissed to the Classis of Passaic.

Conrad Bluhm was ordained to the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the First Hoboken Church, July 13, 1897.

The Rev. Henry Mattice has died during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. DURYEE,

J. T. E. DEWITT.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows :

Reports have been received from all of the churches in the Classis, except from the Second Church of Hudson City. The only church at present without a settled pastor is the one at Bergen Point, which, however, extended a call to Mr. Asbury Krom, in December, 1897, who will be installed in regular form as soon as he has been received into the membership of this Classis, and has been examined for ordination.

The Third Church of Bayonne has secured as pastor the Rev. Herbert L. Frazer, of New York, who was installed on the evening of Feb. 10, last, and has taken up the work with renewed encouragement for the future.

Our Classis has been strengthened, during the past year, by the addition of the Park Reformed Church of Jersey City, transferred to our bounds from the Classis of Bergen.

In looking over the reports, your Committee notices the following changes in the statistical tables from last year's report: There has been an increase of 48 in the census of families, a falling off of 37 in the number received upon confession of faith, but an increase of 24 received by letter. The total membership of the churches is larger by 108, and the amount contributed for denominational objects is increased by \$1,217.08.

The Church of Bergen reports that while there has been no unusual manifestation of spiritual life, the statistics show substantial growth in membership. All the organizations of the church have done satis-

factory work during the year, while the demand for pews and sittings is larger than the supply.

The First Church of Bayonne expresses thankfulness to God for continued blessing throughout the year along both material and spiritual lines. A recent series of special religious services has deeply stirred the membership of the church, and has resulted in a score or more of conversions. A pastor's class has been organized for the purpose of instructing the new converts in the doctrines of the scriptures and of the church.

The Park Church rejoices in the fact that its entire interest bearing debt has been wiped out; and that, as a result of a recent series of evangelistic services, great spiritual profit has accrued to the entire church.

The Lafayette Church records with gratitude the continued mercies of the Lord. All the meetings of the church have been well sustained, and the various church organizations have done efficient service.

The Free Church reports the general condition of the church is good, and all the organizations are working well.

The Third Church of Bayonne reports that judging from observations, there is a slight but steady increase in all things pertaining to the church.

The First German Evangelical Church finds great reason for rejoicing because the final balance of a \$2,000 note which has been hanging over it for some time past has at last been wiped out, because peace and harmony prevail, and because a healthful activity marks all the work of the church.

To sum up, your Committee desires to express the gratitude of Classis to God for his continued and gracious care over all of the churches, in preserving the roll of our ministers intact, greatly blessing the preaching of the Word and all the activities within our bounds, and giving to us all rich and precious promises for continued prosperity in the year to come. Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. JONES,

R. K. WICK.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Your Committee on the State of Religion begs leave to report as follows:

We have during the last year dropped from our roll the Spotswood church, which has been transferred by action of Particular Synod to the Classis of New Brunswick. This reduces our number to nine

churches. Should we not have a committee on church extension? Are there not strategic points in our bounds which our time-honored church should occupy?

In looking over the statistics for the last year we do not find very much to encourage us. It should humble us that there have been so few additions to our membership—33 less by confession, and 19 less by certificate than were reported as received last year. There is also a falling off in baptisms—the number of infant baptisms only 25, less by 11 than last year; and adult baptisms only 7, less by 12 than last year.

But let us look forward not backward. It is evident that our churches are all in a state of harmony. The year just passed has been one of plowing, fertilizing, subsoiling, and seed-sowing. The reports presented all show that good work has been done and is being done not only in the faithful preaching of the Word from the pulpit, but in the earnest and aggressive work of the people in the Sabbath-school, Women's Societies and Christian Endeavor movements. Surely this faithful work, attended with prayer, and in many cases watered with tears will bring forth good fruit in the near future. Especially let us remember that results are with God. We may plant and water, but He only can give the increase.

As a Classis, we have to be grateful and rejoice that there have been no deaths in our ministry during the year, and that we are permitted to add to our roll the names of two honored and beloved brethren who have come to take charge of our churches in Long Branch and Keyport. We have but one vacant church in our Classis, at the Highlands. Is it not time that we help this little sister to get a pastor? The students have done well, but this church needs a settled pastor to live with them and shepherd them.

We now let the churches speak a little for themselves. From their reports we quote as follows:

The First Church of Freehold says "Our work is largely done through our organizations, which are proving themselves to be sources of great strength to the church. Their efforts have been more especially turned toward local improvements, but at the same time care being exercised that the general work should not be forgotten." This church is well organized, as the mother church should be. May she lead her children on to greater efficiency!

Holmdel remarks: "The interest in missionary activities continues, as evidenced by the generous response in our week of self-denial, and the Sabbath-school donating 'all their contributions to missions; and in the increased interest in the ladies' missionary meetings. There is a growing desire to raise all necessary funds by subscription rather

than resort to fairs, or festivals, or other questionable methods." To this desire we say "Amen."

Middletown reports: "The work of the year has been carried on without interruption, notwithstanding the fact that the pastor was absent from his field for several months on account of illness. There has been evidence of God's presence and blessing." Mention is made of great earnestness in connection with the Sabbath-school and other church organizations.

The Second Church of Freehold after giving the statistics for the year says: "There is little of interest to add to these figures. The year has been unmarked by incidents of special importance." After speaking of increased benevolence and a healthy activity on the part of all the church societies, mention is made of "special services under the leadership of Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, and his assistant, the fruit of which it is hoped will be reaped at subsequent communion seasons."

Keyport appends no remarks to the statistics which it presents, but we hope for good things when the new pastor has been installed and has commenced his work.

Colts Neck is very cheerful. In its report it says: "The spiritual life of the membership of the church has not been healthier in the present pastorate than during the past year. We enter the coming ecclesiastical year with the prayer and hope that it may witness no change amongst us, except for more of consecration, more of usefulness, and more of attainment in the higher life, and graces of our holy religion."

Long Branch remarks: "Our review is limited to the last six months of the year, the period of the present pastorate. The work of these months has been largely one of retrieving and of foundation laying. In this our Covenant Head has blessed us beyond all hope and expectation. With remarkable unanimity and unbroken harmony the people have manifested a mind to work. Vigorous hope has supplanted dark discouragement, and fruitful zeal has crowded out lifeless inactivity. The congregation responds cheerfully to every appeal, whether for money, for work, or for trial of new plans, and measured by their ability, they give liberally and do nobly." We heartily congratulate the church and new pastor, and as we think of the change for the better in that congregation we exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"

The report from the *Highlands* is very brief but hopeful. They are supplied every Sabbath by Mr. A. C. Spaan, a student in our Theological Seminary in New Brunswick. They say "The condition of our church is about the same as last year. On April 19th we expect Rev.

B. B. Staats, of Long Branch, to administer the communion and to receive four new members by confession of faith, and also to baptize several children."

Asbury Park speaks of the loss of its Elder, John S. Ripley, by death, of its struggle financially, of the missionary spirit of its people, owing in part to the fact that they have three representatives in foreign fields, and concludes with saying: "We are struggling to get a chapel. This is for us an essential thing. We cannot expect to grow and thrive as we should until we obtain it. The other churches in our neighborhood overshadow us. We now have \$300 towards the amount necessary, and hope to be able to build in the Fall, but we have resolved not to encumber ourselves with a debt."

PETER STRYKER,

SAM'L R. CUNNINGHAM.

Committee.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows:

In looking over the recent reports and comparing them with past years we find a tendency toward high water mark all along the line. This is less pronounced in the aggregate because of the failure of two churches to report at all. If we take the reports of last year in the case of these churches we find that this Classis was never stronger in the number of families and members.

What have we done with our increased strength? We have raised \$869.57 more in the column marked "other objects" than ever before. The previous high water mark in this column was \$4,794.49 in 1893. In congregational objects high water mark was also in 1893 or \$61,087.27. A full report would probably equal this. In denominational objects we have fallen below several other reports. The same is true in regard to increase of members whether by confession or certificate.

We add extracts from the reports of the individual churches.

Belleville.—"The presence and grace of Christ have been manifestly seen with us in a deeper interest shown in the prayer meeting services. The Sabbath-school is in a flourishing condition. The preaching services are well attended and attentively participated in. The contributions for church expenses have increased beyond those of the previous year. Those for benevolence are also more than equal to last year."

First Newark.—No report.

Irvington.—Some indebtedness has been paid and the outlook is encouraging.

New York Avenue.—"The number of conversions has been unusually large. This report brings us to the close of the first half century of our congregational existence, with the best conditions spiritually and financially of any period in our history."

Franklin.—"The growth of Christian character is evinced by the loyal attendance and aid cheerfully rendered, especially by the youthful members."

North, Newark.—"A year of steady growth. No special revival. The regular services of the church, Sabbath and week night attended by the largest congregation in the history of the church. The gifts of the people to benevolent objects show a large preponderance over their contributions to merely congregational objects. It is respectfully submitted to the attention of Classis that this is the condition, no less than the sign, of spiritual prosperity in a church. It is believed that the attainment of this condition lies very largely in the power of the ministers of the churches, by putting a little more practical confidence in the generosity of their people. There is no fear of the congregational funds running behind, if the people are taught to do their duty by the regular benevolences. A commodious chapel for the needs of our parish in Kearney, N. J., has been erected during the year and dedicated free of debt."

West, Newark.—The church has been blessed in many troubles. Financially people rallied to meet the running expenses which was especially hard to do this year because four energetic missions well sustained by Denominational Boards have been established in the neighborhood. These dole out the loaves and fishes and have thereby gained many of the members whose struggle with poverty in these hard times has made such help most timely. The pastor and people are not discouraged for marked evidence shows the Lord has not deserted this field.

Clinton Avenue.—"The Clinton Avenue Church would offer grateful acknowledgments to the Lord of the Vineyard for a year of great privileges, opportunities and results. Fifty-nine new names have been added to the roll of members. All the services have been sustained with interest, and in many of them the power of the Holy Spirit has been manifested. The congregations on the Sabbath have been very large." The church is splendidly organized and offers something to every grade of spiritual attainment among its members. "More than twenty different objects of Christian benevolence have

been contributed to, while the offerings to the regular boards and funds of our denomination have been sustained at their usual level."

Trinity, Newark.—"We gratefully report a year of marked favor. In all the work of the church matters have moved smoothly, and there has been growth and development. We look forward with hope, believing and trusting in the promises of God."

Linden.—The report of this church is not encouraging.

Christ Church, Newark.—No report.

Stone House Plains.—"The church, considering its very limited resources, has done well in benevolent contributions."

Orange.—The church has undertaken, under the inspiration of a new enthusiasm, the erection of a building to accommodate the Sunday-school and otherwise meet the pressing necessities of enlargement. With holy wonder at the Lord's great goodness, and with feelings of devoutest gratitude for past mercies, the church looks forward to still brighter days and nobler efforts in the time to come."

Trinity, Plainfield.—"The past year was an eventful one in our history. The church has been thoroughly remodeled and improved; carpets, cushions and decorations are all new. The lecture and Sunday-school room are entirely new, and possess the facilities and appliances of the modern church. These improvements have been made at a cost exceeding \$10,000. Though absent from our church house for some months, and worshipping meanwhile in a hall, the activities of the church have been well and continuously sustained—not a single Sunday service intermitted. The edifice was finally and formally dedicated Feb. 27th, the Rev. A. V. V. Raymond, D.D., President of Union College, a former pastor, preaching the sermon."

German, Plainfield.—This church, obeying the command to owe no man anything, has been able to wipe out its floating debt.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—Rev. Henry Merle Mellen was dismissed April 12th, 1898, to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, N. J. Rev. David Waters, D.D., died at Halifax, Nova Scotia, August 3d, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. WYCKOFF, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Report of the Committee on the State of Religion.

There is always at the close of the year a deep interest manifested by the people concerning their financial condition, and by the church,

collectively, regarding the State of Religion. The church as a body then asks, as individuals ask at each communion, "What is the spiritual growth, have many been added to the church, are we holding our own." We take it as a sign of closet prayer and individual effort, that people should thus show their interest in the welfare of Zion. The man who has invested interests, who has expended time and thought on an enterprise is always alive, watchful of its growth and progress. From what we can learn from our reports, the spiritual welfare of this portion of the Lord's vineyard, is most hopeful and encouraging and calls for earnest thanksgiving.

I. In the first place we would speak of the marked expression upon the part of the pastors of the increased attendance upon public worship by the people of each congregation. This reveals, to our minds, the blessed fact that there has been simple but faithful preaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that the effect has been to warm the hearts of the Lord's children and turn their feet toward His sanctuary. It is the spirit which David had when he said "I would choose rather to sit at the threshold of the house of God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Love for the Word and the House of God declares that the children of the King appreciate His dwelling among men. An aroused and zealous and well instructed people are those who stand ready to say, "Here am I, send me."

II. We note in the next place the work done among the young by Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor agencies and personal efforts. These are the powerful means by which our churches are to be kept alive and progressive. The old are not neglected because the young are trained and equipped for Christian warfare. Our reports show that these auxiliaries have been used with judicious care and work simply for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom. No one can be envious of the spirit and life and abundant strength of youth. Rather we are glad that our mantles are destined to fall upon a generation ready for successful effort. It is because our pastors have shown the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove, that from our Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor societies, young men and children have consecrated themselves unto the Lord. "Instead of the fathers shall be the children."

III. The third fact which we cull is the work done for missions or the benevolent gifts of our people. This we believe to be the most pleasant and profitable of all our labor of love. The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. Our statistics reveal the pleasing truth that there has been a decided leaning toward denominational objects. This is as it should be. Home interests should come first. "But if any

one provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." A well instructed church will never allow other needful objects to suffer. The more one gives the more he is inclined to give. Proportionate giving is a matter of education, and happy is that people who have the Lord as their instructor.

The individual churches, speaking for themselves, have this to say :

First New Brunswick.—Numerically our strength abides unchanged. All the regular church services, including those of the Sunday-school, Missionary Societies, and C. E. Societies have been maintained with more than ordinary interest at times. Harmony prevails among us, and an excellent spirit of devotion is manifest throughout the congregation.

Six Mile Run.—All public services have been well attended ; the five Sunday-schools in different neighborhoods have held their own, and the Christian Endeavor Society is still interesting and profitable to a goodly number of the young. The three Missionary Societies among the ladies have not fallen off in the interest of their members, or in their gifts toward the extension of the kingdom of our Lord.

Hillsborough.—The spiritual condition of the church is healthy and progressive. The Lord has blessed us abundantly, by giving us fruitful harvests and generous hearts.

Middlebush.—Considering everything we have had a year of average prosperity. Our benevolent contributions are a little above last year. The Ladies' Missionary Society is growing in numbers and interest. Harmony and a hopeful spirit prevail in the congregation.

Griggstown.—There has been manifested on the part of the congregation a spirit of patient zeal and cheerful hopefulness in relation to the temporal interests of the church. As for the spiritual interests, while there has been no marked religious awakening that could be called a revival, there has been a renewal of interest especially among the young, as in the Endeavor Society, and the Sabbath evening attendance, during the winter, has been gratifying and encouraging.

Second New Brunswick.—The year has been unmarked. Harmony has prevailed. The attendance at the mid-week meeting has been unusually good and regular. The organizations within the church have been active, as usual. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized and is in a very promising condition. This has been done without in the least interfering with the already existing "Young People's Union." The standard of benevolent offerings has been well kept up.

Bound Brook.—The church of Bound Brook is united, prayerful and hopeful.

Third New Brunswick.—Makes no detailed report beyond its statistical table.

East Millstone.—The average attendance upon our church services has not diminished. The interest in the preaching and musical part of the public morning worship has especially increased. The work of the Sunday-school has been particularly pleasant and encouraging during the past year, and five of our brightest and best youth have publicly confessed Christ in our own church. Grateful for past progress and hopeful for future blessings, we rejoice in the harmony and advancement of our Zion.

Metuchen.—We are glad to report all branches of the work in a flourishing condition. The accessions by confession though not many have been of the most substantial kind, children of christian parents brought up in a christian way. The great problem with us now is, how to reach the young people. Brethern pray for us that many of these, who have been consecrated to Jesus Christ by baptism may confess Him during the coming year and hold fast.

Suydam St., New Brunswick.—The Suydam street church reports a marked increase along almost the whole line of its work. There is continued interest in the church and its work, with all the societies laboring earnestly. A Christian Endeavor Society has been started which is proving itself to be one of the best helpers to the church.

Highland Park.—There has been a steady increase in attendance at church services, and in the number of communicants. In addition to the contributions for denominational objects noted in the tabular statement, the ladies of the church prepared a box of clothing, &c., which was forwarded to the family of one of our missionaries in the West. Value \$150.

Spotswood.—While we have nothing phenomenal to report, we have reason to thank God and take courage. Last year we received \$100 from the Domestic Board, this year all expenses have been met by our treasury. We have increased our Missionary contributions one-quarter.

The following ecclesiastical changes have taken place. The church at Spotswood has been set over to this Classis by Particular Synod, and its minister, the Rev. John O. Bayles has been received from the Classis of Monmouth. Messrs. H. J. Scudder, Wm. E. Compton and Chas. M. Dixon were licensed to preach. The candidate Chas. W. Higgins, was dismissed to the Presbytery of Gunnison; the candidate W. E. Compton to the Classis of Schoharie; and the candidate C. M.

Dixon to the Classis of Hudson. Mr. Henry Johnson Scudder was ordained as a Foreign Missionary, received into Classis and then dismissed to the Classis of Arcot, India. The Rev. Henry D'B. Mulford, professor in Rutgers College, was received by certificate from the Classis of Montgomery.

THEODORE SHAFER,
Chairman.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

Extracts from the remarks in the reports of the several churches to the Classis of Paramus, relating to the condition of the churches.

Acquackanonck.—Reports an uneventful year of normal growth and commendable support of denominational and other objects of benevolence.

Centerville.—Progress is seen by a larger and more regular attendance on Sabbath services, by an increased interest in the affairs of the church both spiritual and financial; by a growing willingness on the part of the church members and young people of the place to assume the responsibilities and labors connected with a church-organization and by a healthy addition to the membership. The Sunday-school is now for the first time wholly in the care of the local church membership.

Clarkstown.—The pastor says, "After three and a half months of work in this new field, I can say the prospect is very encouraging."

Clifton.—The year has been one of great difficulty financially, but by the blessing of God and the willingness of the people, we are able to close it having "provided things honest in the sight of all men." A Woman's Missionary Society and a Mission Band have been organized.

Garfield.—The finances of the church were in a state of chaos when the present pastor took up the work, and it is only within the last month or two that we have been able to persuade those who formerly contributed to missionary purposes to do so again. The Sabbath-school has likewise undertaken to take up monthly collections for missions. Both sources will yield a little in the future. But the work was undertaken so recently that we report nothing for denominational purposes this year. The work of the church is prospering. We have had large congregations, and for church and Sabbath-school purposes we may have before long to consider the question of more room.

Glen Rock.—Vacant. No report.

Hartshorne.—The report says, "The church is very much in need

of the \$1,000 voted for us at the meeting of Classis at Mahwah, N. J."

Lodi, 1st Holland.—A year of steady progress.

Lodi, Second.—In reference to the financial condition we are able to report more favorably than for five years. Our church is now free of debt. In spiritual matters there seems to be a marked interest.

Nyack.—We are grateful to God for the degree of spiritual and financial prosperity granted us.

Paramus.—Our benevolent contributions are nearly double those of last year. A considerable portion of the increase came through appeals for objects other than those called denominational.

Pascack.—The review of the past year teaches us lessons of gratitude to the great Head of the church, the necessity of greater spirituality and of more entire sanctification.

Passaic, 1st Holland, is building a new church edifice on the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Quincy Street.

Passaic, North.—During the early autumn a series of special services was held in conjunction with the First Church, with the assistance of the Rev. J. H. Elliott, of Rochester, N. Y. Not many members were added to our rolls, but the spiritual life of the church was perceptibly quickened. There is a slight increase in the benevolent gifts of the church over the last year.

Paterson, Broadway.—We tell the story of twelve happy, heaven-blessed months. Report the largest number added to the church of any one year in its history, except the year of organization, and the largest gross receipts, except for the years when money was raised for special objects.

Paterson, 1st Holland.—A year of unbroken peace and steady progress.

Paterson, North.—No remarks.

Paterson, Second.—The year has been one of great spiritual blessing for which we are thankful to God.

Ramapo.—Services well attended and every interest of the church cared for.

Ramseys.—No report.

Ridgewood.—The last three months have been spent in great solicitude and sorrow by the sickness and death of the pastor's only child, a young man in preparation for the ministry. Contributions have been liberal; though we regret so much revenue has been diverted into outside channels of benevolence. The church seems to be on the eve of a spiritual awakening.

Saddle River.—The year has been marked by a quick and steady growth both in spiritual matters and church attendance.

Spring Valley.—We have expended about \$785, for needed repairs of the church. This has lessened and will for another year or more continue to lessen our contributions for purposes outside of our congregation. Interest and efficiency in Sabbath-school work are not waning among us as some say that they are generally waning.

Tappan.—Progress has been made in many elements of church life.

Warwick.—All the departments of the church are in prosperous condition, efficiently manned, and giving evidence of zeal and earnestness. An especially interesting class of men and women has met weekly with the pastor during the last six months for the study of the book of Jeremiah. Our financial statement shows an advance for the year in every line.

West New Hempstead.—From February 20 until the present time, in consequence of the illness and necessary absence of the pastor, the reading of a sermon by one of the elders was substituted for the regular preaching service.

Wortendyke.—The church is at present without a pastor but has hopes of getting one soon. The members are doing all they can to keep up the church.

Ministerial Changes.—June 15, 1897, Rev. William G. Myles was received from the Classis of Orange and installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Garfield. September 13, 1897, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Eugene Hill and the Reformed Church of Clarkstown was dissolved, and Mr. Hill dismissed to the Classis of Greene, to assume the pastorate of the First Reformed Church of Cox-sackie. At the same time the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. D. Lawrence Betten and the First Holland Reformed Church of Paterson was dissolved, and Mr. Betten dismissed to the Classis of Rochester, to assume the pastorate of the Reformed Church at Brighton, N. Y. At the same time, also, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Fred. G. Dekker and the Holland Reformed Church of Wortendyke, N. J., was dissolved, and October 5, 1897, Mr. Dekker was installed pastor of the First Holland Reformed Church of Paterson, N. J. Dec. 30, 1897, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Garret M. Conover and the Reformed churches at North Paterson and Hawthorne, N. J., was dissolved, and January 13, 1898, Mr. Conover was installed pastor of the Reformed Church of Clarkstown, N. Y.

Observations.—1. Fifteen of our twenty-eight churches do not report the number of baptized non-communicants. We presume it is because of the difficulty they experience in ascertaining the number with any degree of accuracy. Your Committee is of the opinion that this difficulty can be easily overcome. It takes the liberty of suggesting the

desirability of every pastor preparing a record of the *families* which according to the interpretation of the General Synod, legitimately belong to his church and congregation; this record to include every member of each and every such family, indicating by a cross, or star or dagger after each name, those who are in full communion, those who are baptized only, and those not yet baptized. Such a record in pocket form will be of great help to the minister in his pastoral work, and will undoubtedly lead him to suggest to parents who are neglecting the christening of their children, their privilege and duty to present them for this holy ordinance.

2. The year has brought sickness and accident and sorrow to the homes of several of our ministers. On January 7th our efficient stated clerk, the Rev. Dr. Theodore W. Welles, was called to part with his beloved wife, whom the Lord summoned to her rest and reward in heaven.

On April 1st, brother J. A. Van Neste, of Ridgewood, returned to God his only child, a young man of great hope and promise, in preparation for the ministry of the gospel.

Since Feb. 20th the Rev. Thos. S. Dusingberre, of West New Hempstead, has been prevented by illness from performing his pulpit and pastoral duties.

And on last Saturday, the youngest son of Rev. William G. Myles, of Garfield, met with an accident which may result fatally.

In February last, Elder Thomas Welling, of Walden, now on the floor of Classis, was called to part with a son, 30 years of age, who died in the triumph of the gospel.

To these bereaved and afflicted brethen and their households, your Committee on behalf of Classis expresses its hearty sympathy, and recommends that we remember them at the mercy seat, praying God to give them consolation and healing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. VENNEMA, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

Your Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully submit the following :

Reports have been received from every church in the Classis. These show organization and activity along the various lines of church life and work. There is great cause for thankfulness to God for His abiding presence and manifold blessings to all the churches in our Classis.

In comparing the present with the preceding year, we find much that is inspiring and encouraging. We find a gain of fifty-eight families. This year there has been a less number received on confession and by letter than last. But there has also been a less number dismissed, and died, so that there is an actual gain of 21 in the membership roll. The number of Sunday-schools remains the same, yet there is an increase over the total enrollment of last year of 301. In benevolence for denominational objects there is a gain of \$140.28. Other objects have called out an increase of \$917.05. Congregational purposes have increased \$4,207.94. The churches speak as follows:

Boonton reports: "All the organizations in the church in good working order. Attendance on Sabbath services increasing. Prayer meetings encouraging. A new pipe organ adds to the interest in church services. The outlook is hopeful."

Fairfield speaks of advance. "The Lord has blessed the labors of his servant by increasing the fervor and zeal of church members, and has manifested his presence with saving power. At the next communion season they are looking for large additions to the church membership."

First Little Falls "deplores the loss of a faithful pastor, who has been called to another field. But they rejoice in the ingatherings, the result of diligent seed-sowing. The prayer meetings are well attended. The C. E. Society is in a healthy condition. They hope soon to obtain another pastor who shall break unto them bread of life."

Second Little Falls.—Statistical report only.

Montville.—"Services well sustained. The Sunday-school and C. E. Society in a healthy condition. The introduction of a new hymn book in church services with satisfaction to the congregation. Improvements to church edifice. Much precious seed has been sown, and by the blessing of God, they hope to reap, at no distant day, a glorious harvest."

People's Park.—"Expresses thanksgiving for the Lord's help under trying circumstances. He has enabled them to meet all financial obligations thus far, and to pay notes to the extent of \$150. Gratitude is also expressed for the workings of the Holy Spirit."

Pompton.—"Church attendance good. Interest in the work strong. All the organizations in the church active. A chapter of the Andrew and Philip Brotherhood organized. An increase in the amount raised both for benevolence and congregational purposes."

Pompton Plains reports "faithful work by the various organizations connected with the church. The public services are well maintained, with a growing interest in the Lord's work. A healthy spiritual con-

dition prevails. Each communion season some have been added to the membership of the church." They close with these words: "To our Heavenly Father we gladly ascribe the praise for that which he has enabled us to do."

Ponds.—"Improvement during the past year is apparent in both spiritual and material things. A Christian Endeavor Society has been organized. Missionary contributions increased by one-half. The parsonage improved. Debts all paid and they begin the year with enlarged hopes."

Preakness.—"Speaks of 'losses by death from the membership of the church of those who were among the charter members of the C. E. Society. But find hope for the future, that those who have lately united with the church were all young people.'"

Riverside.—"Faithful and efficient service has characterized the year along all lines of church work. The Holy Spirit's presence has been manifested in the quickening of christians. Larger numbers attend with greater regularity the stated means of grace. There is an increased interest in the C. E. Societies and prayer meeting services. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society are working with unusual vigor. A goodly number have confessed Christ. We give God the glory. Thankful for past mercies we hope and pray for larger blessings."

Sixth, Holland.—"Statistical report only. But from this we learn that a large amount has been paid on church indebtedness, and an increase is noted in their contributions for benevolence."

First, Totowa.—"A year of activity and blessing. An enlarged and beautified Sunday-school room, together with a pastor's study, new and neat. Every organization in the church in a prosperous condition. With thankful hearts we set up our Ebenezer, inscribing thereon 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'"

Union Reformed.—"Speaks of undeserved blessings from the Lord. The young people have been more active in church work than heretofore. Through their special efforts an interest bearing debt has been reduced by three hundred dollars. Peace and harmony have prevailed, and the influence of the prayers of God's people have been felt."

Wyckoff.—"Continues in the even tenor of their way. Their increase through the reception of those who have confessed Christ is encouraging. Their offerings for benevolent objects larger than previous years, owing to systematic giving. Through faithfulness in well-doing they expect great things from the Lord in the days to come."

Ecclesiastical Changes.—May 28th, 1897, the licentiate Edgar Ireland McCully was dismissed to the Classis of Rensselaer. On the same date the licentiate John W. Foster was received from the Classis of

Raritan and examined, and on June 3d, 1897, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Ponds Church. On May 28th, 1897, the candidate Otto L. F. Mohn was received from the Classis of Bergen and examined, and on July 8th, 1897, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Fairfield Church. On March 14, 1898, the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. O. Van Fleet and the First Reformed Church of Little Falls was dissolved, to take effect the last of March, and he was given a letter of dismission to the Classis of Albany.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. CHURCH.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

North and South Hampton records its gratitude for the blessings of a kind providence during the past year manifest in both spiritual and temporal matters. It views the future hopefully.

Harlingen reports that sincere interest in the preaching and services of the church has been maintained even under the dispiriting hindrances of bad weather and roads. The church has been harmonious, and though affected by the prevailing financial depression, has contributed to each board and fund of the denomination and has met all its financial obligations.

Neshanic has no complaint to make of the attendance upon all the church services, or of interest in Sabbath-school work. She would wish however, for an increase of spiritual life and power. She cultivates the grace of benevolence with the interest of former years and rejoices that the ladies have shown more interest in general missionary work than previously, also that the C. E. Society is interested in doing for the Mission Boards of the church. She trusts that the coming year may be more fruitful of spiritual life.

First Philadelphia is getting used to its new environment and is taking on new life, while pruning away the dead wood. It rejoices in a steadily increased attendance at the services, and in increasing contributions. It feels the lack of a proper church edifice in a large and promising field.

Second Philadelphia is without a pastor, Rev. E. W. Greene, its recent pastor having been transferred to the church of Keyport in the Classis of Monmouth. The Rev. H. Stafford Smith, of London, England supplies the pulpit during April. The statistical view of the report is not so good as the last, except in the items of the number of families, admission to memberships and baptisms of infants. The report is not discouraging.

Fourth Philadelphia sends statistics only. The figures show an increase in the number of families, of membership, baptisms of infants and adults of catechumens and of Sunday-school attendants. The increase of baptized non-communicants is phenomenal, last year none, this year 240. The church seems to be doing well.

Blawenburgh steadily holds her own during trying times. Attendance upon the church services and in the Sabbath-school is encouragingly maintained. The prayer-meeting is a means of grace to a fair proportion of that community. Liberality is an honored grace, and according to their means is practiced by the people.

Stanton announces that the outlook in its church work is encouraging. They are assured that the Lord's blessing rests upon them. The spiritual life of the church is gradually improving. Financially their condition is good and repairs and improvements in the condition and comfort of the church is the order of the day. The work done shows an awakening interest in church affairs and a willingness to exercise self-denial for the cause of Christ.

Clover Hill sends a very encouraging report amidst the discouragements attendant upon a burden of debt from which no door of early relief seems to be open. A purpose not to increase but decrease it is an inspiring declaration of the report. Still the church grievously realizes that it curtails benevolence. The accessions to the church indicate faithfulness on the part of the pastor and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the work there, and the outlook is stimulating and hopeful.

Rocky Hill reports that the pastor has made his three annual visits to the homes of his parishioners and the spirit of unity continues. Last May the 40th anniversary of the organization of the church was appropriately celebrated. The church is hopeful of good spiritual results from the labors of the past.

Fifth Philadelphia is filled with joy and rejoicing, the year has been so rich in divine blessing. "One of the best years in the history of our church," it reports. The people unanimous in feeling and purpose and responsive to every call made upon them review it with gratitude and encouragement. Repairs in the church building have been extensively made, and all expenses promptly met. The Boards of the church have also been remembered according to the measure of last year. Church services have been well attended and faith expects God's blessing upon the preached Word.

Addisville thanks God and takes courage. The spiritual tone of the church affords much promise. The advance along the line of religious benevolence shows a marked improvement of 29 per cent. over

last year. The item of mid-week service is particularly noticed, more attend it and a better interest is manifested. Hope of future good results of faithful labor is strengthened.

Three Bridges speaks cheerfully of its condition. No special activity noted, but earnest and united efforts in the line of church progress. The interest in the Sunday-school is marked by increased attendance and in it and in the Junior C. E. Society diligent effort is made to indoctrinate the youths in the truths of the kingdom. Enthusiasm for missionary work in these organizations has been enlarged and the Sunday-school supports a lad in one of the mission schools in India. The church organization is 25 years old on July 6th 1898, and they hope to fittingly and gratefully celebrate this event.

Talmage Memorial reviews the year with a deep sense of gratitude for its many evidences of divine favor. The Holy Spirit's presence has been manifest in adding to the number of its members, promoting a deeper consecration in them and in inciting them to greater liberality toward the spreading abroad of the gospel. The gifts for missionary objects have been increased fifty per cent.

South Philadelphia records a year of prosperity. Increase all around in church, Sabbath-school and prayer meeting attendance, in contributions through the envelope system, so that they feel warranted in doubling the pastor's salary. Money has been secured for extensive improvements to the church property. The year has witnessed a growing in their church, a greater spirit of harmony, and a deeper spiritual life among the members. The missionary spirit has taken form in an organized Mission Band, and they hope to fulfil their duty to the Boards during the ensuing year. The outlook is exceedingly hopeful.

There is little need of further remark than has been made in the various church reports. The general tone of them is that of encouragement and hopefulness. Though the ingathering of souls is not great, yet God has not left us without witness to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The depressing part seems to be along the line of benevolence, but this is even removed when it is considered with what difficulties the churches are now contending because of the financial depression of the country. Every church without any distinction of location feels it. If we had reached our usual amount in benevolence, the report of the Philadelphia classis this year would have been one calling for unhampered praise.

Ecclesiastical Changes have occurred during the year as follows: On October 12th 1897, the Rev. E. G. Ackerman was received from the Classis of Bergen, and on the 21st of the same month was installed as

pastor of the Reformed church of Clover Hill, N. J. On March 31st, 1898, the pastoral relation between the Rev. E. W. Greene and the Second Reformed Church of Philadelphia was dissolved, to take effect April 1st, 1898, and Mr. Greene granted a letter of dismission to the Classis of Monmouth within whose bounds he had accepted a call. On April 12th 1898, the Rev. Joseph Duckworth was, at his own request, dismissed to the Philadelphia Presbytery.

JOHN HART,

Chairman of Committee on State of Religion.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report as follows :

The rule of submitting consistorial reports' ten days previous to the meeting of Classis has in no instance been kept. A part of some reports and all of others have been withheld until to-day, making it exceedingly embarrassing for the Committee to intelligently calculate and compare the statistics. There is either indifference to these matters or an over-rating of our abilities. The loving care of our Heavenly Father has been over us another year. A sweet strain of thankfulness runs through and comes from the accounts of our churches and the brethren. Whatever the adversities have been there is evidenced a lively hope for better things to come, and a constant faith in Him who has established his church here and called us into His service.

One who always took delight in meeting with us has gone to rest in the Father's house. The Rev. Geo. J. Van Neste, of Millstone, N. J., is absent here but "present with the Lord."

A hurried comparison of the work of the year with that of the year previous, shows : Received on confession, 18 less ; on certificate the same number as last year ; of dismissions, 27 less ; deaths, 23 less ; and a gain in our communion of 22 ; infants baptized, 22 less ; adults baptized, 15 less ; there are 12 more catechumens, no less Sabbath-schools, with an increase of enrollment of 61. Contributions to denominational objects are \$630.29 less ; for other objects, \$72.56 less, and for congregational purposes \$2,353.22 more than a year ago.

We might well question as to our advance when we see that selfishness stands in the way of our benevolent operations. Portions of the reports are as follows :

1st Raritan reports a revised roll of membership with a total number of accessions 40. Contributions are considerably less than by last

report. However the work is prospering and God is praised for the same.

Readington.—Material prosperity has marked the year. Extensive improvements have been made in the complete renovation of the audience room—the refurnishing of the pulpit and the reroofing of the entire building at a total cost of \$2,000. This work seriously encroached upon the services for more than three months, so that the offerings for benevolence are somewhat reduced. Indications, however, are hopeful in this direction, as well as in all the channels of church work. Since the week of prayer, renewed spiritual life and activity have been evidenced throughout the church.

Bedminster.—The well-being and well-doing of this historic church continues. In the line of prayers and gifts, Sabbath and week day attendance, Sunday-school, social and benevolent activities, the year has been one of the best. It has been made memorable by the dedication of a new house of worship on the 24th of last June. This occasion was marked by a large measure of practical and substantial enthusiasm. The gifts of the people made a surplus of between eight and nine hundred dollars above all indebtedness. Expectations have been realized in the increased interest of the congregation and in the addition of new families. The glory is ascribed to Him whose servants and almoners we are. In such a report we regret to notice that the record of conversions is a blank.

Lebanon.—Efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ have been greatly blessed in the increase of membership, in the large attendance upon the services, in the activity and co-operation of the people, in the continuance of peace and harmony, and the prevalence of the Spirit of the Lord in the congregation. The church is now entirely free from debt. The offerings for benevolence are above what they were last year. Thanks are given to the Lord for what He has done and praise is offered to His holy name.

Rockaway.—There have been many assurances of the Spirit's presence and blessing. The number added to the roll here has been offset by the number added to the roll on high. The auxiliaries of the church are deemed "excellent." Their work is characterized as "good" and "noble." The attendance upon the faithful preaching of the word is encouraging.

North Branch.—An average measure of peace and progress calls for continued praise to the Giver of all good. Eight new members have been received on confession and six on certificate. Preaching and prayer meeting services are well attended. So-called Christian Endeavor work, without any formal organization, is prosecuted. And

the evidences of spiritual life and consecration, as well as the benevolent contributions of this church are gratifying.

Second, Raritan.—There has been more than usual religious interest during the past winter, resulting at the March communion in the addition of sixteen young people on confession of their faith. Many have also been added by certificate from other churches, so that the total accession during the year has been fifty-seven, the largest number in any one year of the present pastorate. The Sunday-school continues to grow, the prayer meetings are well sustained, the attendance upon the preaching services is good. Benevolent contributions although apparently large, are somewhat less than last year. The outlook for another year has been brightened by the payment of \$10,000 on a debt of \$14,000. The good hope is expressed that ere long the debt will altogether be extinguished by the blessing of God.

Peapack.—The church is stronger than a year ago, owing to newcomers to the place, accessions to the membership, and increased attendance upon the services. The means of grace are not neglected, the well organized departments for work are active, and progress has been made along all lines. Money and corn have been sent to the starving in India; and a generous offering of \$36 was recently made for the sufferers in Cuba. The contributions for the missions of our denomination have slightly fallen off. Needed improvements of the church property are anticipated, together with rich spiritual blessings upon this portion of Zion. The fervent desire is that all this may be realized.

South Branch.—The worship and work of this church in the various departments have been well sustained. The roll of membership has been sadly reduced by deaths, dismissions and revision. The unusual activity of last year has been followed by quiet building. It seems as though God would have us to learn again the lessons of humility and faithfulness. The contributions to the Boards of our church have not been increased, but there is a hopeful sign in that some are coming to think of the matter of giving more in the light of a blessed privilege than that of a burdensome duty.

Third, Raritan.—A good degree of energy and zeal has marked all parts of the work. Although five have been received on confession, yet there is mourning because so few have been added to the membership. The public services of the sanctuary have been well attended. Great encouragement is found in the young people who have been very much helped in the faithful use of the Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Societies. Pleasing results of the efforts of the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Home Department of the Sunday-school

are shown in the increased contributions to foreign and domestic missions. A Syndicate for the Arabian mission is being formed and quite a sum has already been pledged as an annual offering to that object. On May 16th, this church will complete fifty years of her history.

Pottersville.—A pleasant and successful pastorate has closed during the year. All financial obligations have been met. Contributions are about the same as last year. The pulpit is now acceptably supplied by the Rev. Wilmer MacNair.

High Bridge.—Gives statistics and submits no remarks.

Annandale.—Blessings have come in temporal and spiritual things. The yearly obligations have been met and \$400 paid on the standing debt. Offerings to the Boards and funds are larger than last year. Increased attendance and considerable interest are manifest at the church services. Particular mention is made of the Junior C. E. Society and the Sunday-school. Especial work is being done to prepare the children for entrance into the church. Progress in all lines is being made with the Divine help.

Fourth Raritan.—In many ways the Lord's presence has been shown. Five have been received on confession. With this increase the roll of membership remains unchanged by dismission or death. Contributions have diminished. A Young People's Society, organized a short time ago, promises to be beneficial to the church which feels the need of a new house of worship. The prospects are hopeful.

Ecclesiastical Changes.—John W. Foster was examined and licensed May 25, 1897, and dismissed to the Classis of Passaic. The Pastoral relation between the Rev. Sartell Prentiss, Jr. and the church of Pottersville was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Newark, December 14, 1897.

ISAAC SPERLING.

WM. E. DAVIS.

Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLES. CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.							C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.					
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Com- munion.	BAP. Total Enrollment.	Catechumens. Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Benevolent. Other Objects.	Congregational.							
First, Hackensack	Herman Vanderwart	*205	25	13	12	2	5	500	15	9	200	350	1	500	\$1,569 00	\$ 492 00	\$4,756 00	Hackensack, N. J.	
Schraalenburgh	Geo. H. Cotton	100	10	4	2	2	2	148	6	6	30	30	1	200	269 52	125 00	1,903 83	Schraalenburgh.	
English Neighborhood	Marcus I. Koop	60	1	2	2	1	63	63	1	1	19	25	1	100	143 22	160 00	1,275 19	Ridgefield.	
New Durham	Ysaac W. Gowen (W. R. Ackert Ass't)	272	42	12	6	3	562	59	8	326	326	4	1,680	1,500 00	385 00	385 00	5,383 25	Weehawken.	
First, Hoboken	Conrad Blum	60	21	15	1	3	119	6	2	35	1	35	1	160	20 51	940 82	940 82	Hoboken.	
North Bergen	John Justh	70	6	3	3	3	92	15	2	30	1	30	1	470	179 00	84 00	1,570 00	Weehawken.	
Second, Hackensack	Arthur Johnson	210	20	22	3	5	443	7	2	260	2	260	2	750	1,115 87	1,326 37	6,070 13	Hackensack.	
German Ev., Hoboken	John Rudolph	260	65	18	25	56	260	2	12	2	12	2	110	162 76	989 75	6,000 00	248 Garden St., Hoboken.		
Third, Hackensack	John Roubin	66	6	6	2	2	66	37	1	35	35	90	1	152	5 13	5 00	600 00	Hackensack.	
Closter	Henry Ward, (s. c.)	70	4	3	5	1	131	64	10	1	68	1	130	236 85	43 85	1,450 00	Closter.		
Palisades	Artemas Dean	60	7	1	1	1	64	10	1	125	1	125	1	295	236 85	70 00	1,235 03	Fort Lee.	
Guttenberg	Wm. Manchere, (s. s.)	34	6	3	3	3	55	7	1	307	1	307	1	450	43 58	464 07	3,989 00	Passaic.	
Central av., Jersey City	Chas. S. Wright	130	11	7	1	1	239	15	1	75	1	75	1	154	142 00	40 00	1,445 99	Cherry Hill.	
Cherry Hill	Abram Duryce	65	5	10	6	2	93	5	2	80	2	80	1	80	137 03	13 24	150 00	Secaucus.	
Secaucus		20																	
Spring Valley		23																	
Westwood	D. M. Tainage	75	13	8	1	4	109	4	3	48	48	1	283	250 07	31 86	1,580 93	1,580 93	Maywood.	
Oradell	John T. E. DeWitt	70	2	2	1	1	74	1	3	30	30	125	1	203	267 77	13 88	1,885 74	Oradell.	
Hasbrouck Heights.	Chas. I. Shepard	65	6	2	2	2	71	3	3	3	3	55	1	103	11 00	11 00	1,353 10	1,353 10	Hasbrouck Heights.
Total		1,915	250	94	66	59	3,412	459	34	759	1,519	24	6,173	\$6,269 26	\$3,779 95	\$42,336 70			

Other Ministers.—James H. Ballagh, Yokohama, Japan; Charles L. Clist, Closter, N. J.

Candidates.—Karl Krause, Robert W. Blake.

* Revised list.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Beuevolent.	
																	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Congregational.
Bergen	Cornelius Brett.....	354	15	30	11	4	648	22	3	200	400	3	746	\$1,009 00	\$ 909 00	\$8,795 00	509 Bergen ave., Jersey City	
First, Bayonne	Chas. H. Jones.....	386	20	26	10	8	663	11	3	.....	323	2	886	1,493 20	1,244 65	4,039 84	763 Ave. C, Bayonne, N. J.
Wayne Street.....	{ Rob't K. Wick, (S.C.) * Paul D. VanCleaf.....	92	6	4	9	3	148	1	.....	.....	.....	1	298	900 00	550 00	4,164 00	111 Wayne st., Jersey City.
Park, Jersey City.....	J. Francis Morgan.....	200	13	14	23	4	348	19	4	100	.....	.....	1	362	171 00	46 10	288 Barrow st., Jersey City.
Bergen Point.....	Asbury E. Krom, S.S.	74	6	1	.....	3	115	0	.....	50	71	1	138	359 21	.....	.....	281 Pavonia ave., J. City.
Second, Hudson City	Emil A. Neury.....	201	13	3	2	7	498	73	18	163	64	1	590	109 77	390 30	2,018 54	14 Sherman Place, J. City.	
Lafayette.....	Thos. J. Kommers.....	135	10	2	1	750	10	6	72	150	1	350	440 92	60 20	4,069 43	239 Pacific ave., Jersey City.		
Greenville.....	Chas. J. Allen.....	200	6	12	13	3	242	8	.....	.....	.....	1	415	102 56	84 13	3,375 95	39 Columbia Place, J. City.
Free, Jersey City.....	Henry C. Cussler.....	78	7	3	.....	2	120	11	.....	48	90	6	140	32 22	10 54	1,511 37	105 Grand st., Jersey City.
Third, Bayonne.....	Herbert L. Franzen.....	62	4	.....	4	100	20	20	6	1	.....	1	140	.....	.....	790 00	36 W. 21st st., Bayonne.
First, Ger. Evangelical	John Heiniger.....	127	53	.....	13	325	30	65	125	1	327	24 50	350	40 00	2,375 00	338 Montgomery st., J. City.	
St. John's Ger. Evng.	Gottlieb Andrae.....	92	15	.....	8	214	75	5	100	120	3	350	.....	196 00	1,700 00	48 Fairview ave., J. City.	
Total.....		2,001	163	94	97	45	3,571	280	39	818	1,349	17	4,782	\$4,642 38	\$3,530 91	\$36,435 74		

* Pastor Emeritus.

† Last year's report.

† Revised Roll.

Other Ministers.—Jas. L. Amerman, Ass't Sec'y Board of Foreign Missions, 25 E. 22d street, New York City; W. D. Grant, Gottingen, Germany.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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Other Ministers.—Elias Mead, Passaic, N. J.; W. H. VanDoren, Griggstown, N. J.; Jas. T. Schock, s. c., Keyport, N. J.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.			C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.		Rec'd.						Total now in		No. of Baptized		C. C. & S. S.		Benevolent.		Congregational.			
		Number of Families.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina- tional Objects.	Other Objects.					
Belleville.....	A. Hageman, S. C.	160	7	14	9	6	251	11	4	100	150	1	231	\$ 343 20	\$ 49 04	\$2,915 44	Belleville, N. J.				
First, Newark.....	T. J. Lee.....	220	9	7	5	217	154	5	7	40	1240	12	315	67 46	167 79	2,083 34	Irvington, N. J.				
Irvington.....	C. E. Wyckoff.....	102	15	7	8	154	300	10	6	30	1	1	384	449 79	47 50	2,520 10	100 New York av., Newark.				
New York av., Newark.....	John S. Allen.....	160	29	3	4	3	115	6	115	115	1	1	115	203 50	4,781 57	1,262 37	Nutley, N. J.				
Franklin.....	Wm. Stuart.....	83	8	17	6	843	17	2	3	1,505	3	1	1,505	11,898 47	15 00	10,860 43	29 Washington St., Newark.				
North, Newark.....	D. Sage Mackay.....	430	35	55	17	6	240	110	36	1	220	2	800	25 00	75 47	1,196 00	Newark, N. J.				
West, Newark.....	Carl Girtanner.....	74	20	15	6	707	6	8	2	1	485	1	88	203 00	25 00	8,294 03	1 Johnston ave., Newark.				
Clinton ave., Newark.....	Daniel H. Martin.....	405	24	35	20	10	159	20	6	100	1	1	1	15 85	2,476 00	483	Ferry st., Newark, N. J.				
Trinity, Newark.....	J. N. Morris.....	150	19	9	8	32	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 85	2,476 00	483	39 Communipaw av., J. City				
Linden.....	N. M. Sherwood, S. S.	19	6	6	6	5	231	9	1	1	275	1	111	217 66	44 25	2,810 41	84 Delavan ave., Newark.				
Christ, Newark.....	I. V. W. Schenck.....	106	6	6	6	5	231	9	1	1	1	1	1	163 66	44 25	2,810 41	84 Delavan ave., Newark.				
Stone House Plains.....	W. E. Bogardus.....	45	1	1	1	99	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	163 66	44 25	2,810 41	84 Delavan ave., Newark.				
Orange.....	George S. Bishop.....	280	9	13	6	2	594	7	263	1	352	1	1	1,958 87	221 60	† 5,753 06	East Orange, N. J.				
Trinity, Plainfield.....	Cornelius Schenck.....	255	17	12	8	4520	19	10	14	3	1	45	33 00	20 73	317 65	† 5,753 06	East Orange, N. J.				
German, Plainfield.....	George Hauser.....	40	6	2	2	88	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	33 00	20 73	317 65	† 5,753 06	East Orange, N. J.			
Montclair Heights.....	Vacant.....	17	2	2	2	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33 00	20 73	317 65	† 5,753 06	East Orange, N. J.			
Total.....		2,606	199	154	127	53	4,536	237	46	214	637	19	5,596	\$19,919 48	\$5,664 06	\$50,768 20					

* Revised list.

† Exclusive of Minister's support.

† Last year's report.

Other Ministers.—Charles E. Hart, New Brunswick, N. J.; Oscar Gesner, Linden, N. J.; John N. Jansen, 344 Summer ave., Newark, N. J.; M. G. Hansen, 70 Ashland ave., East Orange, N. J.; James C. Garretson, Rahway, N. J.; D. H. Christensen, Deforestville, New York.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.	C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Rec'd.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Denominational Objects.	Benevolent	Other Objects.	Congregational.
First, New Brunswick.	P. Theo. Pockman	17	12	20	2	7	*677	16	2	180	1	450	\$1,408 00	\$ 823 00		\$5,052 00	210 Townsend st., N. Brunswick.
Six Mile Run.	G. M. S. Blauvelt.	117	1	1	1	4	275	5	1	60	5	200	967 00	112 00		1,552 00	Franklin Park, N. J.
Hillsborough.	Theodore Shafer.	145	8	10	8	320	6	1	90	50	7	250	456 89	151 08		1,500 00	Millstone, N. J.
Middlebush.	James LeFevre.	*65	1	6	1	*125	3	1	100	1	130	100	279 91	64 86		1,500 00	Middlebush, N. J.
Griggstown.	James L. Southard	52	1	3	5	108	1	1	23	2	92	144 28	57 00		822 88	Griggstown, N. J.	
Second, New Brunswick.	M. H. Hutton, S. C.	*169	6	8	4	*381	4	1	100	195	2	287	1,665 33	812 83		4,883 95	20 Union st., New Brunswick.
Bound Brook.	Chas. T. Anderson	*70	1	4	...	*166	1	1	1	165	1	1	88 10	7 00		1,346 29	South Bound Brook, N. J.
Third, New Brunswick.	Carl Meyer	...	...	...	...	22	2	2	10	...	1	32	29 05	...		210 00	245 Easton ave., N. Brunswick.
East Millstone.	A. Paige Peeke	72	5	2	1	137	...	4	...	50	1	86	172 37	18 79		1,623 24	East Millstone, N. J.
Metuchen.	John H. Raven	73	7	4	1	181	3	2	...	43	1	118	275 00	43 00		1,803 00	Metuchen, N. J.
Suydam st. N. Brunswick.	Alan D. Campbell.	60	1	7	1	241	5	...	...	280	1	280	1,028 00	25 00		2,904 13	146 Livingston av., N. Brunswick.
Highland Park.	Alex. S. VanDyck	30	5	1	1	78	...	...	...	...	1	91	52 44	15 47		742 57	Highland Park, N. J.
Spotswood.	John O. Bayles	45	5	2	2	74	...	2	2	...	1	70	53 48	...		1,104 97	Spotswood, N. J.
Total.		1,173	63	55	63	2,292	2,785	49	13	200	981	25	2,251	\$6,620 36	\$2,130 03	\$25,045 93	

Other Ministers.—Jacob Cooper, New Brunswick; W. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.; E. S. Booth, Japan; E. Lord, Patchogue, N. Y.; Henry D.B. Mulford, New Brunswick, N. J.; John DeWitt, 311 Montgomery street, Jersey City; John B. Thompson, 20 Wall street, Trenton, N. J.

Candidates.—T. D.W. Reiley, New York; A. G. Van Aken, Jamesburg, N. J.

* Revised list.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.										BAP.			C. C. & S. S.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Census.	Number of Families.	Rec'd.		On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.		Other Objects.	Congregational.	
																		Denomina-tional Objects.				
Acquanonck	John Gaston, Em.	175	16	14	5	6	394	21	4	225	300	1	340	\$1,727 45	\$ 989 75	\$4,691 03	Passaic, N. J.					
Centerville	Anne Vennema	20	7	1	1	46	5	5	1	100	30	1	100	46 00	170 00	928 53	Passaic, " "					
Clarkstown	Anson DuBois.	95	4	14	1	2	178	7	1	118	119	65	118	46 00	170 00	1,204 84	Athenia, " "					
Clifton	Garret M. Conover	55	1	10	5	1	105	2	1	133	8	1	133	66 27	22 72	1,679 90	West Nyack, N. Y.					
Garfield	E. Birdsall.	57	2	7	1	63	3	1	1	80	1	1	80	6 42	5 00	684 80	Clifton, " "					
Glen Rock	W. G. Myles.	16	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	110	110	1	110	5 00	5 00	512 48	Garfield, " "					
Hawthorne	Vacant.	16	1	1	1	28	1	1	1	110	110	1	110	46 00	41 71	1,000 00	Ridgewood, " "					
Lodi, 1st Holland.	Tunis H. Hooute.	70	11	3	2	132	21	1	1	65	150	1	155	21 98	150 00	1,768 67	Lodi, " "					
Lodi, Second.	Wm. Johnston.	45	4	1	1	67	21	1	1	90	20	1	90	1,768 67	235 48	4,300 44	Nyack, N. Y.					
Nyack	Wm. J. Leggett.	170	12	2	14	4	380	10	1	100	1	1	100	1,768 67	150 00	1,217 09	Ridgewood, " "					
Paramus	Wm. H. Vroom.	113	6	8	6	2	208	9	1	125	1	1	125	1,768 67	150 00	1,350 00	Ridgewood, " "					
Pasack	Edward Lodewick.	100	2	2	2	4	155	8	1	200	210	1	260	148 55	18 50	5,000 00	Park Ridge, " "					
Passaic, 1st Holland.	Martin Flipse.	225	36	10	2	1	361	50	3	301	92	1	375	1,120 60	279 48	7,170 90	Passaic, " "					
Passaic, North.	J. H. Whitehead.	110	11	7	5	1	287	14	5	200	60	1	211	477 90	90 00	3,753 70	Auburn st., Paterson, " "					
Paterson, Broadway.	Elias W. Thompson.	110	25	14	1	4	251	2	3	301	92	1	375	1,120 60	279 48	3,753 70	Clinton st., Paterson, " "					
Paterson, 1st Holland.	Fred. G. Dekker.	113	10	8	2	4	305	30	8	28	103	1	106	409 80	419 84	1,749 50	Clinton st., Paterson, " "					
" North.	Vacant.	56	3	9	3	1	46	8	1	103	103	1	103	330 27	216 07	3,398 48	Temple st., Paterson, " "					
" Second.	Theo. W. Welles, s. c.	178	39	10	9	10	298	14	4	7	120	1	120	216 07	30 93	2,179 91	Piermont, N. Y.					
Piermont.	Edward S. Ralston.	60	2	4	7	3	100	7	1	2	203	1	203	117 49	30 93	1,350 27	Mahwah, " "					
Ramapo	A. A. King.	85	2	3	1	156	9	1	1	100	100	1	100	402 82	245 43	4,388 75	Ridgewood, " "					
Ramseys	Vacant.	112	4	5	5	3	229	8	2	247	100	1	221	33 80	8 00	1,176 41	Saddle River, " "					
Ridgewood	J. A. Van Neste.	70	4	1	1	80	1	1	1	18	18	1	18	278 57	10 82	1,860 17	Spring Valley, N. Y.					
Saddle River	Isaac Van Kampen.	80	1	7	2	1	119	3	1	67	150	1	174	140 38	17 45	1,306 04	Tappan, " "					
Spring Valley	C. E. Crispell.	60	2	3	2	141	4	1	1	50	63	1	98	1,265 68	448 13	3,212 46	Warwick, " "					
Tappan	M. N. Oliver.	150	6	2	4	2	368	9	2	87	109	1	120	75 34	6 28	518 75	Viola, Rockland Co., " "					
Warwick	Taber Knox.	48	8	4	4	1	102	15	1	165	73	1	75	5 00	150 00	781 88	Wortendyke, N. J.					
West, N. Hempstead.	Thos. S. Dushinbette.	75	8	4	4	1	163	15	1	103	103	1	103	9,049 70	\$3,919 16	\$55,935 38	Wortendyke, N. J.					
Wortendyke, Holl'd.	Vacant.	216	149	87	2	261	4,682	381	133	1,575	2,103	30	4,798	\$9,049 70	\$3,919 16	\$55,935 38	Wortendyke, N. J.					
Total		2,464	216	149	87	2	261	4,682	381	133	1,575	2,103	30	4,798	\$9,049 70	\$3,919 16	\$55,935 38					

* Revised list.

† Including Home Department.

‡ One Union.

Other Ministers.—Robert M. Oford, Passaic, N. J.; Cornelius K. Blauvelt, Nyack, N. Y.; Henry Dater, Hawthorne, Passaic Co., N. J.; Nathaniel

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.					BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.		Benevolent.	
																Denominational Objects.	Other Objects.
Boonton.	Alex. McKelvey	85	3	3	3	3	96	6	2	.....	1	135	\$ 233 38	\$ 10 00	Boonton, Morris Co., N. J.	
Fairfield.	Otto L. F. Mohn	60	6	2	3	3	85	3	2	.....	1	115	90 39	.....	Fairfield, Essex Co., "
First, Little Falls.	Vacant	73	7	3	5	2	159	6	3	155	1	155	218 04	7 84	" "		
Second, Little Falls.	Vacant	23	1	2	2	2	28	2	2	20	1	45	30 80	55 00	Little Falls, "		
Montville.	A. Mattice	50	1	1	2	2	107	2	2	50	1	90	213 00	11 05	Boonton, Morris Co., "		
People's Park, Pat's'n.	John Smit	115	9	1	3	2	203	20	2	140	1	220	41 00	145 00	Paterson, "		
Pompton.	Ferdinand S. Wilson	131	5	7	2	2	256	8	1	51	180	326	479 61	189 24	Riverdale, Morris Co., "		
Pompton Plains.	Jasper S. Hogan	152	15	5	6	2	286	2	7	.....	4	450	449 28	40 62	Pompton Plains, "	
Ponds.	John W. Foster	70	6	1	1	2	90	4	1	.....	1	85	77 68	.....	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Preakness.	Geo. W. Labaw, S. C.	40	3	1	3	3	90	1	.....	.....	2	110	110 68	72 18	Oakland, Bergen Co., "
Riverside, Paterson.	John B. Church	120	18	2	4	3	90	8	9	.....	1	423	136 15	43 05	Bank st., Paterson, "	
Sixth, Holland.	E. Vanhetloo	555	30	6	10	10	900	90	.....	500	1	580	186 56	1,238 91	East 15th st., "	
First, Totowa.	Thos. Powell Vernoll	150	11	5	4	3	330	18	4	.....	1	357	295 40	82 27	Paterson, "	
Union Reform'd.	H. E. Nies	218	20	7	2	2	409	45	2	750	190	330	149 65	19 95	Paterson, "		
Wyckoff.	A. Westveer	86	8	2	2	2	156	9	1	72	35	1	158 55	30 38	Wyckoff, Bergen Co., "		
Total		1,928	142	43 45	4 39	3,334	228 33	1,013	1,792	20 3,511	\$2,869 49	\$1,945 39	\$31,795 87				

Other Ministers.—J. C. Cruickshank, Little Falls, N. J.; Louis J. Lockwood, Ghent, N. Y.; J. W. Conklin, Springfield, Mass.; A. A. Zabriskie, Parsippany, N. J.; G. A. Luckenbill, Beacon Hill, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COMMUNICANTS.						C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Comm.	BAP.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	
									Infants.	Adults.				
No. & So. Hampton.....	Horace P. Craig.....	31	5	5	5	4	230	230	215	15	279	5	359	\$ 350 43
Harlingen.....	Francis M. Kib. S. C.	120	1	2	2	4	233	233	1	1	.....	54	215	185 99
Neshanic.....	John Hart.....	125	4	2	2	3	237	237	3	1	50	.....	43	271 63
First Philadelphia.....	P. H. Milliken.....	115	2	2	2	14	239	239	3	1	200	.....	300	820 00
Second, ".....	Vocant.....	138	2	2	2	3	259	259	2	2	.....	1	225	357 68
Fourth, ".....	I. P. Kain.....	298	46	11	3	3	513	513	24	10	484	1	352	173 86
Blawenburgh.....	John S. VanOrden.....	76	3	2	2	1	193	193	1	1	181	.....	181	108 00
Stanton.....	A. C. Bird.....	73	3	2	2	2	137	137	4	4	185	.....	185	70 66
Clover Hill.....	E. J. Ackerman.....	75	10	4	4	3	137	137	5	5	32	.....	70	20 15
Rocky Hill.....	O. J. Hogan.....	66	3	1	8	1	131	131	3	1	100	.....	100	188 11
Fifth Philadelphia.....	C. F. C. Sackow.....	160	3	1	1	1	231	231	30	1	25	.....	130	193 25
Addressville.....	Sidney O. Lawwing.....	60	8	2	2	1	124	124	1	1	43	.....	130	209 58
Three Bridges.....	O. M. Voorhees.....	81	1	3	2	1	141	141	5	1	45	.....	140	94 43
Talmage Memorial.....	H. C. Withoughby.....	95	17	4	1	1	144	144	2	2	.....	1	90	125 74
South Philadelphia.....	C. S. Wyckoff.....	25	.....	9	5	.....	14	14	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		1,607	131	60	76	2,33	2,869	102,42	668	1,240	29	2,963	\$3,138 46	\$1,448 85
														\$22,427 49

* Revised list.

† Union.

Other Ministers.—G. R. Gramm, Ardmore, Pa.; A. Stoll, Raipore, Central Provinces, India; W. J. Skillman, Editor of *City and State*, 4216 Pechin Street, Phila., Pa.; N. I. M. Bogert, Metuchen, N. J.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	COMMUNICANTS.						BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Benevolent.	Other Objects.		
First, Raritan.....	Wm. S. Cranmer.....	200	19	21	9	13	1435	13	4	.....	200	1	340	\$ 760 00	\$ 265 00	\$4,023 00	Somerville, N. J.
Readington	B. V. D. Wyckoff.....	135	3	5	7	3	313	1	1	.....	200	5	275	215 00	50 00	2,940 00	Readington, "
Bedminster	T. Walker Jones.....	115	.....	7	11	1	233	.....	1	.....	.....	1	185	558 73	47 75	8,153 13	Bedminster, "
Lebanon	Wm. E. Davis.....	221	41	7	4	1	6408	9	17	.....	.....	4	290	79 99	38 00	2,029 80	Lebanon, "
Rockaway	H. P. Lyman-Wheaton	112	36	6	10	5	171	.....	.....	.....	35	5	255	74 96	47 48	1,248 80	White House, "
North Branch.....	P. M. Doolittle.....	115	26	6	10	8	659	1	6	.....	70	2	111	375 91	98 73	1,226 09	North Branch, "
Second, Raritan.....	E. G. Read	242	22	35	12	8	662	12	8	.....	300	1	868	1,268 31	61 42	9,536 40	Somerville, "
Seapack.....	Howard C. Hasbrouck	92	2	8	4	1	195	3	1	.....	75	1	130	109 66	65 00	1,017 30	Seapack, "
South Branch.....	Isaac Spiering.....	106	2	2	9	6	197	3	1	.....	40	2	131	313 00	31 18	1,291 92	South Branch, "
Third, Raritan	Wm. H. DeHart.....	150	5	.....	9	3	313	11	2	.....	120	1	251	630 09	116 49	2,292 70	Raritan, "
Pottersville	Isaac L. Kip	60	1	1	7	4	109	3	.....	.....	120	1	85	33 00	2 00	1,032 25	Pottersville, "
High Bridge.....	A. L. Mershon.....	100	1	7	4	1	147	2	.....	.....	1	1	150	103 12	5 00	1,595 73	High Bridge, "
Annandale.....	F. Koehli.....	68	5	3	1	2	110	1	2	.....	.....	1	150	132 00	8 50	1,450 00	Annandale, "
Fourth, Raritan.....	.....	68	5	.....	.....	.....	146	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	152 00	10 00	880 00	Somerville, "
Total.....	.....	1,776	122	99	72	252	3,598	81	39	.....	1,040	27	3,101	\$4,706 71	\$344 55	\$49,016 94	.....

* 3 Union. ** 2 Union. † Revised list.

Other Ministers.—H. Schnellendressler, Plainfield, N. J.; Henry Stout, 25 East 22d Street, New York City; John F. Mesick, s. c., Blawenburgh, N. J.; Charles H. Pool, Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, Somerville, N. J.; Andrew J. Hageman, Somerville, N. J.; A. McWilliams, Somerville, N. J.; Minor Swick, Somerville, N. J.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW BRUNSWICK, MAY, 1898.

CLASSES.	Churches.			Ministers.			Candidates.			Census of Families.			COMMUNICANTS.			BAP.		C. C. & S. S.			CONTRIBUTIONS.			STATED CLERKS.		
	Congregational.	Other Objects.	Benevolent.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina-tional Objects.	Other Objects.	Benevolent.	Rec'd.	On Confession.	On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	No. of Baptized Non-Communicants.	Catechumens.	Number of Sabbath-Schools.	Total Enrollment.	Denomina-tional Objects.		Other Objects.	Benevolent.
Bergen.....	19	20	2	1,915	250	104	66	...	59	3,412	459	34	759	1,519	24	6,173	\$6,369	26	\$3,779	95	\$42,336	70	Henry Ward.			
South Bergen.....	12	15	...	2,051	163	94	97	...	45	3,571	280	39	818	1,349	17	4,782	4,642	38	3,530	91	36,435	74	R. K. Wick.			
Monmouth.....	9	11	...	677	24	19	38	9	15	1,369	25	7	214	1,607	10	1,223	1,810	56	358	23	12,936	37	Jas. T. Schock.			
Newark.....	16	21	...	2,666	199	154	127	...	53	4,536	237	46	214	637	19	5,596	19,919	48	5,664	66	50,768	20	A. Hageman.			
New Brunswick.....	13	20	2	1,173	63	55	63	2	29	2,785	49	13	200	981	35	2,351	6,620	36	2,130	03	25,045	03	M. H. Hutton.			
Paramus.....	28	28	...	2,464	216	149	87	2	61	4,682	281	33	1,575	2,103	30	4,798	9,049	70	3,919	16	58,935	38	T. W. Welles.			
Passaic.....	15	18	...	1,928	142	43	45	4	39	3,334	228	33	1,013	1,792	20	3,511	2,869	49	1,945	39	31,785	87	Geo. W. Labaw.			
Philadelphia.....	15	18	...	1,607	131	60	76	2	33	2,869	102	42	668	1,240	29	2,963	3,138	46	1,448	85	22,427	49	F. M. Kip.			
Raritan.....	14	20	...	1,776	122	99	72	2	52	3,598	81	39	.....	1,040	27	3,101	4,706	71	844	55	49,016	94	J. F. Mesick.		
Total.....	141	171	4	16,197	1,310	677	671	21	386	30,156	1,742	286	5,423	11,468	201	34,398	\$58,726	40	\$23,621	13	\$329,687	72				

ARTICLE VI.

CLASSICAL MINUTES.

The Committee on Classical Minutes reported as follows :

The Minutes of all the Classes except South Bergen have been presented, and referred to the different Sub-committees for their examination. Their reports are as follows :

HENRY WARD,
W. HAMILTON,
Committee.

Classis of Bergen.—19 Churches.

- 1st. Records are carefully kept.
- 2nd. Records contain nothing requiring the action of this Synod.
- 3rd. The answers to the Constitutional questions are recorded as follows :

1st Question,	17 Churches,	Yes.	
2d	12	Yes.	5 No.
3d	16	Yes.	1 No.
4th	14	Yes.	3 No.
5th	17	Yes.	
6th	17	Yes.	
7th	6	Yes.	11 Ap.

No representative from one church to answer, two other churches without pastors and thus answered no to question relative to Heidelberg Catechism.

H. C. CUSSLER.

Classis of Monmouth.—8 Churches.

Constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question	8 Churches	Yes.	
2d	3	Yes.	5 No.
3d	6	Yes.	2 No.
4th	8	Yes.	
5th	8	Yes.	
6th	8	Yes.	
7th	6	Yes.	2 No.

I. V. W. SCHENCK.

Classis of Newark.—16 Churches.

- 1st The Minutes of the Classis of Newark are correctly kept.
- 2nd. The Constitutional questions are answered as follows :

1st Question	12 Churches	Yes.	
2d	" 2	" Yes.	10 No.
3d	" 12	" Yes.	
4th	" 11	" Yes.	1 No.
5th	" 12	" Yes.	
6th	" 12	" Yes.	
7th	" 7	" Yes.	5 No.

Three churches had no representative. One church represented failed to answer the Constitutional questions.

THEODORE SHAFER.
EDWIN B. DAVIS.

Classis of New Brunswick, 13 Churches.

1st. Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the Classis of New Brunswick and find them correctly and neatly kept.

The Constitutional questions are reported and answered as follows by the churches represented at the meeting (all saving one.)

1st Question	13 Churches	Yes.	
2d	" 13	" Yes.	
3d	" 13	" Yes.	
4th	" 13	" Yes.	
5th	" 13	" Yes.	
6th	" 13	" Yes.	
7th	" 10	" Yes.	3 No.

TABER KNOX.
PETER J. KIPP.

Classis of Paramus, 28 Churches.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the minutes and find

- 1st. Records carefully kept.
- 2nd. Nothing demands the special attention of this Synod.
- 3rd. Constitutional questions were answered as follows, viz :

1st Question	27 Churches	Yes.		1 Blank.
2d	" 10	" Yes.	12 No.	1 Partly.
				5 Blank.
3d	" 26	" Yes.		2 Blank.
4th	" 23	" Yes.		5 Blank.
5th	" 28	" Yes.		
6th	" 23	" Yes.		5 Blank.
7th	" 6	" Yes.	21 No.	1 Blank.

Two of the 28 churches are vacant.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS POWELL VERNOLL.
GARRET PLANTEN.

Classis of Passaic, 15 Churches.

1st. The Minutes have been examined and found correct.

2nd. Nothing requires the attention of Synod.

1st Question 14 Churches Yes.

2d " 7 " Yes. 7 No.

3d " 14 " Yes.

4th " 14 " Yes.

5th " 13 " Yes. 1 No.

6th " 12 " Yes.

7th " 5 " Yes. 8 No.

CHAS. S. WYCKOFF,

WM. HAMILTON.

Classis of Philadelphia, 15 Churches.

1st. The Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia were found correct and were approved.

2nd. Attention is called to the fact that only 4 out of the 15 churches of this Classis make annual offerings to all the Boards of the church.

1st Question 15 Churches Yes.

2d " 11 " Yes. 4 No.

3d " 13 " Yes. 2 No.

4th " 15 " Yes.

5th " 15 " Yes.

6th " 15 " Yes.

7th " 11 " Yes. 4 No.

ALEX. S. VAN DYCK.

S. B. WELLS.

Classis of Raritan, 14 Churches.

1st. The Minutes were found correct.

2nd. The Constitutional questions were answered as follows :

1st Question 14 Churches Yes.

2d " 4 " Yes. 10 No.

3d " 13 " Yes. 1 Blank.

4th " 12 " Yes. 1 No. 1 Blank.

5th " 14 " Yes.

6th " 10 " Yes. 4 No.

7th " 13 " Yes. 1 No.

A. MATTICE.

ISAAC BENNETT.

The report was adopted.

ARTICLE VII.

CLASSICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE VIII.

CLASSICAL REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIII.

SYNODICAL INJUNCTIONS.

Attended to.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT BOARDS.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence made the accompanying report.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reports as follows :

The examination of the statistical tables of the Classes for the year just closed, shows that our membership during the past year have given for denominational objects an average of \$1.97 per member—an increase of 29 cents per member over the average a year ago. But even so, this average is only a little more than *half-a-cent* per day for the spread of the kingdom of Jesus Christ in the uttermost parts of the world, the vast territory of our own land as well as the other large interests of the kingdom committed to our care as a denomination.

Considering the fact that this Synod undoubtedly has in its bounds individuals whose contributions are so very much beyond the paltry average of the present time we discover the appalling need of the consecration of the pocket book of large numbers of our members. But is it possible that our church members have an interest in these vast concerns of the Great King only to the extent of such absurd average? We believe in many cases this is so and consecration and information make the remedy. But we believe that in a large number of cases the real need is a giving regularly and in definite proportion to their income, not regular giving alone, but a conscientious, prayerful, setting apart of a *definite* amount to God for the spread of the Kingdom of God on earth. The Synod urges upon the whole body of churches under its care the pressing of such proportionate giving to the front, as a remedy for this low average offering.

TABER KNOX, *Chairman*,
ALEX. S. VANDYKE.

The report was accepted.

The Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions were represented in the Synod by Rev. Dr. E. B. Coe and Mr. John S. Bussing respectively in instructive and earnest addresses which set forth very effectively the opportunity and duty of the church with respect to these two great departments of its work.

The Synod offered its thanks to these brethren for the service they had rendered it.

ARTICLE XV.

TREASURER.

The report of the Treasurer for 1898 is as follows :

Particular Synod in Account with I. P. Brokaw, Treasurer.

DR.			
1897.	By balance brought forward.....		\$180 51
May 5.—	By assessment Classis of Paramus for 1896-7.....		29 75
Dec. 15.—	" " Passaic for 1897-8.....		10 00
1898.			
Feb. 8.—	" " Philadelphia for 1897-8.....	12 00	
Feb. 16.—	" " Newark for 1897-8.....	28 00	
Mar. 31.—	" " New Brunswick for 1897-8.....	18 00	
Apr. 1.—	" " Paramus for 1897-8.....	30 00	
" "	" " Monmouth for 1897-8.....	8 00	
" 6.—	" " Bergen for 1897-8.....	17 00	
" 14.—	" " Raritan for 1897-8.....	15 00	
" 30.—	" " South Bergen for 1897-8.....	15 00	
			<hr/> \$363 26
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1897.			
June 1.—	To salary and expenses, Stated Clerk.....	\$51 50	
May 4.—	To Sexton's fee, Synod meeting.....	5 00	
Jun. 12.—	To expressage and postage on Minutes.....	7 75	
" 22.—	To printing Minutes of Synod.....	100 24	
			<hr/> \$164 49
	Balance in Treasury.....	198 77	
			<hr/> \$363 26

The report with vouchers was referred to the appropriate Committee who having examined the same reported that they found it correct.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer was authorized to lay the necessary assessment upon the Classes for the expenses of the coming year.

ARTICLE XVI.

PARTICULARIA.

The first half hour after the opening of Synod and the first half hour of the session of Wednesday morning were occupied with devotional exercises conducted by the President.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on Tuesday evening after the sermon of the retiring President, the President reading the form, the Vice President, and Elders W. M. Conover, W. H. Foster, E. B. Davis and S. B. Wells assisting in the service. The hours of adjournment and meeting were fixed for 5 P. M. and 7.45 P. M. and 9 A. M.

The following resolution cordially endorsing the New Jersey Sunday-school Association was adopted :

Resolved.—That this Synod rejoices in the prosperity of the New Jersey Sunday-school Association under the able leadership of its President Dr. G. W. Bailey, its faithful State Committee and particularly its progressive Secretary, Rev. E. M. Fergusson, by whose united labors the State has been put in the van of Sunday-school organization in this country. Special praise is due for the rapid development of Primary work under the stimulus of its School of Methods and its Administrative Council. We take pleasure in the extension of the Home Department and commend its Field Secretary, Rev. L. D. Stultz, to all our congregations in this State. We recognize the State, National and International Associations as effective agencies in extending the kingdom of Christ and pray God's blessing on all the laborers in this hopeful and important department of christian enterprise.

The Committee on nominations proposed as speaker for 1899, Rev. D. Sage Mackay, D.D., with Rev. Ame Vennema as his secundus, the speaker to select his own theme. The recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. J. Garland Hamner, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, being present, the privileges of the floor were extended to him.

Revs. Taber Knox and I. W. Gowen were appointed a special Committee to consider the feasibility of making such changes in the program of the Particular Synod as will add to the interest and value of the session.

Not having time to prepare a report at this session the Committee were discharged and the matter was referred to the President, Stated Clerk and Pastor of the Church entertaining the Synod to take such action as they may deem proper under the rules of Synod.

Rev. E. G. Read, D.D., delivered an address on Wednesday morning on "The Perishable and the Permanent in Religion." The thanks of the Synod were heartily extended to Dr. Read for his discriminating and inspiring address.

The following resolutions were adopted :

"The Particular Synod of New Brunswick deeply interested in the welfare of our country and with a spirit of loyal devotion desires to express its feelings in regard to the present crisis.

Resolved.—That we desire to express our hearty appreciation of the course of the President of the United States and Cabinet in their wise and christian conduct of the negotiations with Spain.

Resolved.—That our sympathies and prayers be given to our Navy and Army and we commend them to the care and goodness of Almighty God.

The cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered the Pastor, officers and people of the Clinton Avenue Church for their hospitable entertainment, and the Rev. I. W. Gowen was designated to give expression to the same to the ladies serving the collation to which the Synod was invited upon adjournment.

ARTICLE XVII.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The nominations of the Classes were confirmed as follows :

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Artemas Dean, D.D.,	Elder Peter Bogert.
“ W. R. Ackert,	“ Henry C. Steinhoff,
“ M. J. Roop,	“ E. D. Howland.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John Justin,	Elder Abm. Doremus.
“ Chas. S. Wright,	“ T. R. Ennis,
“ Arthur Johnson.	“ J. D. Bogert.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. John F. Morgan,	Elder Thos. M. Ward,
“ Emil A. Meury,	“ Louis Steck,
“ Cornelius Brett, D.D.,	“ Joel W. Brown.

SECUNDI.

Rev. T. J. Kommers,	Elder J. Van Horn,
“ C. J. Allen,	“ Michael Schults,
“ Gottlieb Andraea,	“ N. M. Whipple, Sr.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Garret Wyckoff,	Elder D. T. Polhemus,
“ P. Stryker, D.D.,	“ J. H. VanMater,
“ B. B. Staats,	“ J. O. Green, M. D.

SECUNDI.

Rev. E. W. Greene,	Elder G. S. Luyster,
“ I. P. Brokaw,	“ D. D. Denise,
“ S. R. Cunningham,	“ W. H. Foster.

CLASSIS OF NEWARK.

PRIMARI.

Rev. J. N. Morris,	Elder Peter VanZee,
“ I. V. W. Schenck,	“ John Wharton,
“ D. Sage Mackay, D.D.,	“ T. C. VanReyper.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. Wyckoff,	Elder A. Ward, M. D.,
“ Oscar Gesner,	“ G. L. VanEmburch,
“ Geo. S. Bishop, D.D.,	“ John Lancaster.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Eugene Booth,	Elder C. S. Edgar,
“ M. H. Hutton, D.D.,	“ Austin Scott, LL.D.,
“ Jas. LeFevre, D.D.,	“ Jas. Stothoff.

SECUNDI.

Rev. John H. Raven,	Elder W. Hartley Johnson,
“ A. P. Peeke,	“ W. H. Ayres,
“ Jas. L. Southard,	“ John S. Bennett.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

PRIMARI.

Rev. Wm. Johnston,	Elder E. F. Knapp,
“ T. W. Welles, D.D.,	“ Anthony Post.
“ A. A. King,	“ Abram Banta, Jr.,
“ J. A. VanNeste,	“ W. P. Miller,
“ Isaac VanKampen,	“ A. L. Winter.

SECUNDI.

Rev. C. E. Crispell, D.D.,	Elder Andrew Smith,
“ M. N. Oliver,	“ J. T. Haring,
“ Taber Knox,	“ Thomas Welling,
“ T. S. Dusingberre,	“ C. E. Blauvelt,
“ Ame Vennema,	“ P. J. Kipp.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

PRIMARI.

Rev. G. W. Labaw,	Elder J. G. Merselis,
“ F. S. Wilson,	“ G. W. Mickens,
“ J. B. Church,	“ J. R. Vanderbeck.

SECUNDI.

Rev. A. Westveer,	Elder Thos. A. Winters,
“ T. P. Vernoll,	“ J. G. Hopper,
“ J. Smit,	“ G. Schut.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

PRIMARI.

Rev. O. M. Voorhees,	Elder Hon. John R. Foster,
“ H. C. Willoughby,	“ William Hamilton,
“ C. S. Wyckoff,	“ Thos. L. Wilgus.

SECUNDI.

Rev. H. P. Craig,	Elder Jos. T. Yerkes,
“ F. M. Kip,	“ J. V. D. Pumyea,
“ John Hart,	“ J. V. A. Wilson.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

PRIMARI.

Rev. A. J. Hageman,	Elder John F. VanDerveer,
“ A. McWilliam,	“ Wm. H. Dolliver,
“ Minor Swick,	“ George Stillwell.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. S. Cranmer,	Elder John Voorhees,
“ B. V. D. Wyckoff,	“ Josiah W. Dalley,
“ T. Walker Jones,	“ John A. Layton.

ARTICLE XVIII.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES.

None were given.

ARTICLE XIX.

/ ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned at 12.30 P. M. of the second day of the session to hold its next annual meeting in the church of Warwick, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of May, 1899, at such an hour as the Stated Clerk may find convenient.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

The minutes were read and approved, the usual number were ordered to be printed, the roll was called and the Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. Alex. McKelvey and the benediction by the President.

PETER STRYKER, *President.*

AME VENNEMA, *Vice President.*

C. W. VAN ZEE, }
I. V. W. SCHENCK, } *Clerks pro tem.*

I. P. BROKAW, *Stated Clerk.*

PLACES OF MEETINGS AND PRESIDENTS.

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- 1869.—First, New Brunswick Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.
 1870.—First, New Brunswick Rev. William Reiley, D.D.
 1871.—First, VanVorst, Jersey City Rev. Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.
 1872.—Acquackanonck, Passaic Rev. W. V. V. Mabon, D.D.
 1873.—Second, Freehold Rev. John Gardner.
 1874.—Second, Newark Rev. J. Paschal Strong.
 1875.—Second, Somerville Rev. George J. Van Neste.
 1876.—First, Paterson Rev. William R. Duryee.
 1877.—Second, New Brunswick Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D.
 1878.—Bergen Rev. J. Howard Suydam.
 1879.—First, Philadelphia Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D.
 1880.—Neshanic Rev. James LeFevre.
 1881.—Paramus Rev. Cornelius Brett.
 1882.—Millstone Rev. M. H. Hutton.
 1883.—First, New Brunswick Rev. Paul D. VanCleaf, D.D.
 1884.—Warwick Rev. Theodore W. Welles.
 1885.—East Orange Rev. Thomas C. Easton, D.D.
 1886.—Lafayette, Jersey City Rev. David Waters, D.D.
 1887.—Lebanon Rev. Edward G. Read.
 1888.—Belleville Rev. I. P. Brokaw.
 1889.—Second, Philadelphia Rev. J. Preston Searle.
 1890.—First, Somerville Rev. Wm. W. Knox.
 1891.—Third, Raritan Rev. N. H. Van Arsdale, D.D.
 1892.—Nyack Rev. H. Vehslage, D.D.
 1893.—First, Hackensack Rev. J. B. Thompson, D.D.
 1894.—Broadway, Paterson Rev. W. H. DeHart.
 1895.—North, Passaic Rev. Alan D. Campbell.
 1896.—Ridgewood Rev. Chas. I. Shepard, D.D.
 1897.—Bayonne Rev. P. H. Milliken, Ph.D.
 1898.—Clinton Avenue, Newark Rev. Peter Stryker, D.D.













